

DOCUMENT ANALYSIS: HIPPO

- H – Historical Context
- I – Intended Audience
- P – Purpose
- P – Point of View
- O – Observations and Inferences

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- connecting a document to specific historical events, specific circumstances of time and place, and/or to broader regional, national, or global processes

- What's happening at the time?
- When/where was the source created?
- How might this affect the content or reliability?
- Example: What would be the difference between a presidential speech given before and after 9/11?

INTENDED AUDIENCE

- identifying a person or group the author expects to inform or influence in creating the source

- To whom was the document directed?
- Does the audience affect the tone or content?
- Example: You text someone your plans for Saturday night. What would be the difference in how you describe your plans to your parents or your boyfriend/girlfriend?

PURPOSE

- Why did the author write the document at this time?
 - to inform
 - to persuade
 - to entertain
 - to influence
 - to record
 - argument/author's thesis

POINT OF VIEW

- What is the author's relationship to the event?
- How does this affect the author's understanding of that event?
- How reliable is the author?
- Two parts:
 - Who are they? How does that affect what they wrote?

- Factors that might impact the source:
 - gender
 - age
 - ethnicity
 - social status
 - economic status
 - religious beliefs
 - political beliefs
 - position (job)

ORGANIZATION

- What historical information can you get from the document? (outside info)
 - not specifically stated in the document, must be connected
 - may support or refute the info in the document
- How does the document help you make your argument? (inferences)