

Interpretation of Documents

SWBAT:

- Write in a clear, concise, analytical format.
- Interpret texts to draw conclusions.

Task:

Pick one document to interpret from the set of ten. As with anything you read, you will interpret the meaning of a document and be able to *use* what you have found. Follow these steps to interpret the document:

1. Identify any prior knowledge you have in relation to the document.
2. Identify the audience for the document (who is the author writing for, or who is the author writing to).
3. Identify the central idea(s) of the author.
4. Explain the significance of the document.

Rubric:

Criteria	0-1	2	3
Identify any prior knowledge to the document	Identifies few or no pieces of prior knowledge.	Identifies some pieces of prior knowledge.	Identifies several pieces of prior knowledge.
Identify the audience (who is the author writing to/for)	Does not identify an appropriate, logical audience.		Identifies an appropriate, logical audience.
Identify central idea(s) – in “student terms”	Does not identify the central idea(s) and does not use “student terms.”	Identifies some of the central idea(s), may not be in “student terms.”	Identifies the central idea(s) of the author in “student terms.”
Explain the significance of the document	Does not explain the significance of the document.	Explains some of the significance of the document.	Explains fully the significance of the document.