

TASK #4 – Primary Source Analysis

Standard:

P.1 (SWBAT analyze primary source documents)

C.U.2.7 (SWBAT analyze the causes and effects of the institution of slavery)

Description: A primary source document is an original document created by the source, not a document written as an interpretation of the source. This course will help you build your ability to interpret and analyze primary source documents. It is critical that primary source documents are not just read for information, but are analyzed on a much deeper level. We will be using a guided worksheet initially to build our “tools” that we will use to dissect these documents, and eventually you will be able to analyze primary source documents naturally. The handout that will be given to you is called APPARTS, which stands for **a**uthor, **p**lace and time, **p**rior knowledge, **a**udience, **r**eason, the main idea, and **s**ignificance.

The primary source document that you will be reading is an excerpt from *Equiano’s Travels: His Autobiography, The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano or Gustavus Vassa the African*. You will use the APPARTS worksheet to analyze the importance of his personal account and reflection on his experiences as a slave. As you read you should highlight and make comments on the document to guide you in your analysis. The APPARTS handout and the document will be collected and given a score based on the rubric below.

Criteria:

- ☒ Completion of APPARTS handout (author, place and time, prior knowledge, audience, reason, the main idea, and significance)
- ☒ Editing/Notation of document (thorough)

Rubric:

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
APPARTS	Incomplete/ Unsatisfactory completion with inadequate information	Partially complete with acceptable information	Mostly complete with adequate information	Fully complete with adequate information	Fully complete with sophisticated information
Document Notations	1-2 notations	Few notations throughout	Partial notations throughout	Adequate notations throughout	Thorough notations throughout