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## Secondary Source Analysis Worksheet

**Name:**

**Date:**

*A secondary source of information is one that was created **later** by someone who **did not** experience first-hand or participate in the events.*

**Instructions:** As you read your document, remember that secondary sources do not just present facts – they provide an *interpretation* of events. Look for the ways that the author presents his or her interpretation.

What is the title of the document?

Who is the author?

Who is the author's intended audience?

What topic is the author addressing in this work?

What is the author's argument (or thesis) about this topic? Provide evidence from the text.

What evidence is provided to support this argument? List specific examples.



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Are there any contradictions in the argument? If so, provide examples.

Do you trust this source? What are some of the ways you can tell if a source is reliable?

What do you think motivated the author to create this source?

What is your overall impression of the interpretation? Is it convincing?

List some **facts** presented by the author:

List some **opinions** presented by the author:

What questions does this interpretation raise?

Where could you find answers to these questions?