



Sourcing Documents for the DBQ

Using a document to support an argument:



1. Explain the **contents** of the document.
2. Demonstrate how the document **supports** your argument.
3. **Source** your document.
 - a. You must source **three** documents for full points.

SOURCING SKILLS			
Historical Situation	Audience	Purpose	Point of View
Key question: How is the larger historical context of this document significant to the argument?	Key question: Why is the audience of this document significant to the argument?	Key question: What was this document meant to do, and why is that significant to your argument?	Key Question: <u>Why</u> does he/she say <u>what</u> he/she says <u>in the way</u> that he/she says it? And why is that significant to your argument?
Begin your sourcing like this:	Begin your sourcing like this:	Begin your sourcing like this:	Begin your sourcing like this:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "In the context of..."• "This document was written during..."• "This was written at the same time as..."• "During this time..."• "This was the era of..."	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "This was written to..."• "The audience for this document was..."• "The author was reaching out to..."• The author had X in his/her mind..."	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "The author's intent for this document was..."• "The author's purpose in writing this was..."• "The author wanted to motivate his/her audience to..."	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "The author's perspective was likely influenced by..."• "Given that the author was X, he/she was likely to believe..."• "The author would have been affected by..."• "The tone of the author suggests..."