

SOURCE RELIABILITY ANALYSIS FRAME

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ TOPIC / INQUIRY: _____

1 SOURCE IDENTIFICATION



Source title / description: _____

Creator / author: _____

Date created: _____

Where was it created / published? _____

Type of source:

Written text Image / Photograph Map / Diagram

Statistics / Data Audio / Visual Object / Artifact

Other: _____



2 SOURCE CONTENT



What is the source about?

Key ideas / main message:

Important details / evidence:

- _____
- _____
- _____



3 SOURCE RELIABILITY FACTORS How might these factors affect the reliability of the source?

	PURPOSE Why was the source created?	What was the creator trying to do? _____ _____	How does this affect reliability? _____ _____ _____ Less reliable Uncertain More reliable
	AUTHOR / CREATOR Who created the source?	What do we know about the creator? _____ _____	How does this affect reliability? _____ _____ _____ Less reliable Uncertain More reliable
	AUDIENCE Who was the source intended for?	Who was the target audience? _____ _____	How does this affect reliability? _____ _____ _____ Less reliable Uncertain More reliable
	TIME & PLACE When and where was the source created?	How might the time and place influence the source? _____ _____	How does this affect reliability? _____ _____ _____ Less reliable Uncertain More reliable
	BIASES & PERSPECTIVES What views or values are present or missing?	What biases or perspectives might be present? _____ _____	How does this affect reliability? _____ _____ _____ Less reliable Uncertain More reliable



4 OVERALL RELIABILITY JUDGEMENT



Overall, how reliable is this source for answering your inquiry question?

- Highly reliable
- Mostly reliable
- Somewhat reliable
- Low reliability

Why?



5 USE IN CONTEXT

How useful is this source for your inquiry?



How will you use this source in your argument or explanation?

What other sources could you compare it with?



REFLECTION

What did you learn from analysing this source?

