



Handout 2 - The HIPPO Technique for Analyzing Documents.

Historical Context

What was happening at the time when the author wrote this document? How does it help you understand it?

Intended Audience

What audience might have the author wanted to inform or influence? How does this impact the author's message?

Point of View

Who is the author? How might their background (race, gender, socioeconomic class) impact their perspective?

Purpose

Why did the author write this? What might have been their motivation?

Outside Information

What specific historical information outside of the document can you connect to the document? How does it help you better understand it?