# How do you ANALYZE a document?

## Historical Context
- What has just happened or is on the verge of happening?
- When/where was the source created?
- What issues surround the documents creation?
- Does the context affect the reliability?

## Intended Audience
- To what person, group, sector of society is it being directed?
- Does speaker belong to this group?
- Why is the author targeting this audience?

## Point of View
- What is the author’s relationship to the event?
- How does the author’s position affect their understanding?
- How reliable is the PoV?
- Is the document limited or strengthened by who the author is?
  - Race, Gender, Age, Religion, Education, Profession, Social Status, etc.

## Purpose
- Why did the author write the document?
- What is the author trying to accomplish?
- What is the author doing?
  - Persuade, Question, Inspire, Oppose, Warn, Discredit, Justify, Expose, Illustrate, Solicit, Propose, Encourage, Promote, Urge, Contrast, Clarify, Apologize, Predict, Reflect, Argue, Establish, Compliment, Disagree, Demand, Predict, Assert

## Organization / Use in Argument
- How does this document support your thesis?
- What kinds of evidence might hurt the author’s argument or yours?
- Which specific details from the document best proves your point?
- How will you persuade the reader instead of just stating the obvious?
- Do you forge relationships between the documents that are creative, not just obvious?