

2. Purpose

This is where you start the real evaluation of the source and try to figure out the purpose for its creation by asking targeted questions analyzing its purpose. Some of the questions you should try and find answers to are below. You might not have space or the time to write an answer for all of them so find a couple that you have some good evidence to back up and focus on writing something for those select questions.

What was the purpose of the information?

What perspective is the author trying to convey?

Is the purpose clear?

Is the information fact, fiction, opinion or propaganda?

Does the point of view appear objective or impartial?

Why does this document exist?

Why did the author create this piece of work?

Why did the author choose to create it in this way?

Who is the intended audience?

What does the document “say”?

Can it tell you more than is on the surface?

