

Primary Source Analysis Rubric

Total Points: 20

Criteria	4 – Exceeds Expectations	3 – Meets Expectations	2 – Approaching Expectations	1 – Needs Improvement
Observation (Step 1)	Detailed, specific notes; identifies unique features and small details beyond the obvious	Notes key details; clear description of the document	Limited details; some important features missing	Very minimal effort; vague or incomplete
Contextualization (Step 2)	Clearly explains creator, purpose, and historical context; shows strong understanding	Explains creator, purpose, and some context accurately	Some attempt at context but missing accuracy or depth	Little or no attempt to connect to context
Inference (Step 3)	Thoughtful insights into struggles, emotions, and missing voices; shows empathy and analysis	Some insights into struggles and emotions; basic analysis	Limited or surface-level inferences	No attempt to infer meaning
Connections (Step 4)	Makes strong connections to immigrant struggles, resilience, and survival; may connect to modern parallels	Makes relevant connections to immigrant experiences and survival	Makes vague or general connections	No connections made
Reflection Writing (Step 5)	Well-developed paragraph with clear voice,	Clear paragraph; uses some evidence from	Basic paragraph; limited evidence	Incomplete, off-topic, or very minimal effort

	evidence from document, and thoughtful perspective	document; shows effort	or connection to document	
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Quick Scoring Guide

- **18–20 points** = Exceptional understanding and reflection
- **14–17 points** = Proficient understanding
- **10–13 points** = Developing, needs more depth
- **Below 10 points** = Minimal effort or incomplete