

Seventh Grade U.S. History I Summer Assignment

Directions: Answer the following questions for each primary source *in complete sentences*. Please use the sentence frames and see my model example to guide your learning.

Primary Source Analysis Steps

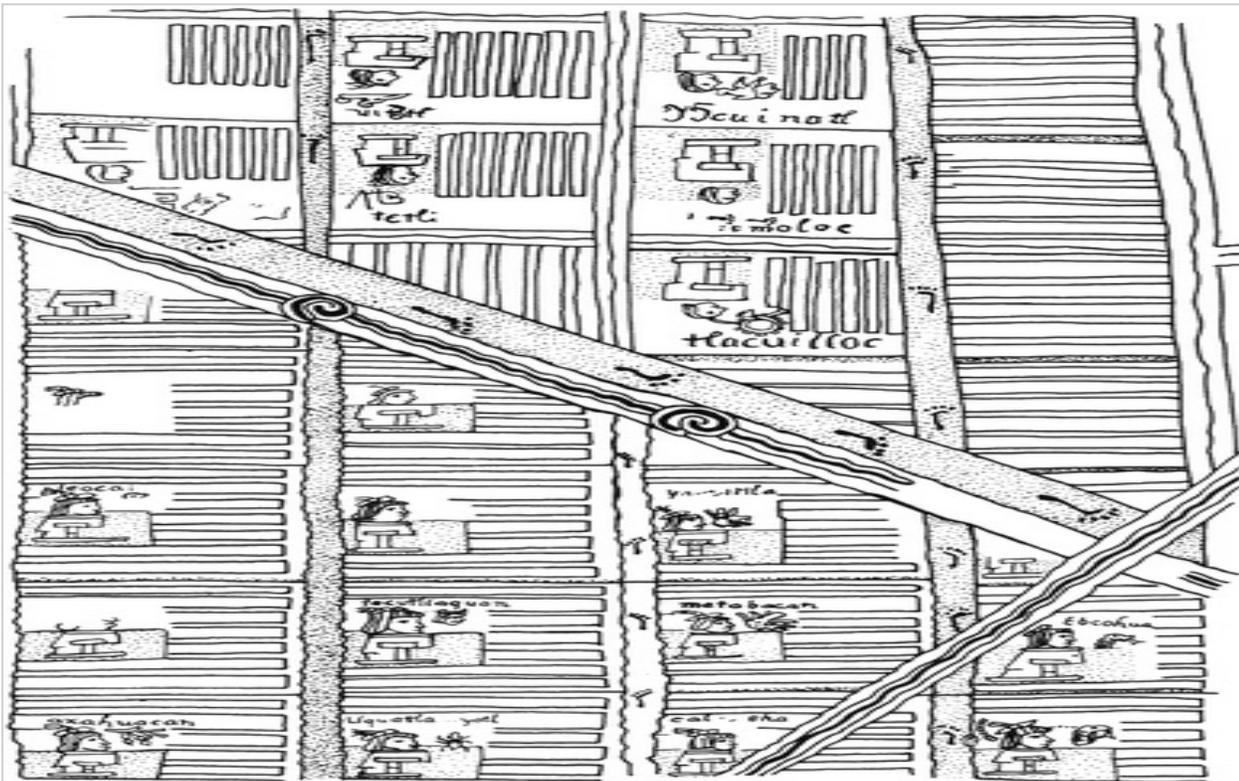
1. What keywords/phrases/pictures stand out to you? (*Highlight and annotate, markup the text*)
2. What is the main idea of the excerpt?
3. What is the message of the primary source?

Sentences Frames for Primary Source Analysis

1. The words that stand out to me are...
2. The main idea of this primary source is...
3. The message of this primary source is...

Primary Source Number One

Primary Source showing technology of **chinampas**: Made from bark paper and ink. The left side of each chinampa shows the farmer's house and the owner's name in a glyph. The footprints represent the footpath. The rows grew corn, squash, beans and flowers. The canal has a water symbol next to the footpath.



Source Citation: Drawing from the Aztec Manuscript Matricula de Tributos, circa 1542.

Location: the National Institute of Anthropology and History, Mexico.

Primary Source Number Two

Background Information to assist you:

In the 15th century, five separate nations of Iroquois--Mohawk, Seneca, Cayuga, Oneida, and Onondaga--united to form the League of Five Nations. The purpose of the Iroquois League was to end intertribal warfare and to form a strong alliance against outside enemies. To further their goals, the league created a constitution, called the Great Binding Law, that consisted of 117 individual laws and customs governing all aspects of life--from self-government and war to family relationships, religion, tribal symbolism, and burial rites. In the following excerpt, the speaker Dekanawidah is the great Mohawk leader credited with establishing the Great Peace among the nations. He speaks to Adodarhoh, leader of the Onondago. In this English translation, the term Lord means "chief."

I am, Dekanawidah [the Peacemaker] and with the Five Nations' Confederate Lords I plant the Tree of Great Peace. I plant it in your territory, Adodarhoh, and the Onondaga Nation, in the territory of you who are Firekeepers. I name the tree the Tree of the Great Long Leaves. Under the shade of this Tree of the Great Peace we spread the soft white feathery down of the globe thistle as seats for you, Adodarhoh, and your cousin Lords. We place you upon those seats, spread soft with the feathery down of the globe thistle, there beneath the shade of the spreading branches of the Tree of Peace. There shall you sit and watch the Council Fire of the Confederacy of the Five Nations, and all the affairs of the Five Nations shall be transacted at this place before you, Adodarhoh, and your cousin Lords, by the Confederate Lords of the Five Nations.

Primary Source Number Three



Source Citation: Map: Sophie Kittredge; Source: Daniel G. Cole, Smithsonian Institution, Esri and NaturalEarth. *The Great Inka Road: Engineering an Empire*, Smithsonian Books and NMAI (2015))

**[Here](#) is the direct link to the map pictured below.

Miss Kraus' Modeled Example

“About 10 o'clock I bade adieu to Mount Vernon, to private life, and to domestic felicity, and with a mind oppressed with more anxious and painful sensations that I have words to express, set out for New York in company with Mr. Thompson, and Colonel Humphries, with the best dispositions to render service to my country in obedience to its call, but with less hope of answering its expectations.”

Source Citation: Washington, George. George Washington Papers, Series 2, Letterbooks -1799: Letterbook 25, April 6, 1789 - March 4, 1791. 1789. Manuscript/Mixed Material. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <www.loc.gov/item/mgw2.025/>.

1. The words that stand out to me are the adieu, felicity, oppressed, and anxious. Washington has mixed emotions about being the first president of the United States.
2. The main idea of this primary source is that Washington will be entering a new phase of this life: the presidency. He will gain the title of president and the responsibilities associated with it. Washington is saying goodbye to his life in Virginia to serve as a public figure.
3. The message of this primary source is that George Washington is departing from his private life in Mount Vernon to enter the presidency of the United

States. He understands that his actions and words will be judged by the people because he will be the first president under our new form of government. Washington strives to be the best leader who is honorable and faithful to our country's virtues (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) but he recognizes that there is intense pressure placed upon him as our first leader not under the authority of Great Britain.