APPARTS – Use this key to help you take notes and dissect the primary source.

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| **A**uthor | * Who created the source?
* What do you know about the author?
* What is the author’s point of view?
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| **P**lace and Time | * Where was the source produced?
* When was the source produced?
* How might this affect the meaning of the source?
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| **P**rior Knowledge | * What do you know that would help you further understand the primary source?
* Do you recognize any symbols and recall what they represent?
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| **A**udience | * For who was the source created?
* How might this affect the reliability of the source?
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| **R**eason | * Why was this source produced at the time it was produced?
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| **T**he Main Idea | * What point is the resource trying to convey?
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| **S**ignificance | * Why is this source important?
* What inferences can you draw from this document?
* Ask yourself, “So what?” about this resource.
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