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? |
| **P**lace and Time | * Where was the source produced? * When was the source produced? * How might this affect the meaning of the source? |
| **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? |
| **A**udience | * For who was the source created? * How might this affect the reliability of the source? |
| **R**eason | * Why was this source produced at the time it was produced? |
| **T**he Main Idea | * What point is the resource trying to convey? |
| **S**ignificance | * Why is this source important? * What inferences can you draw from this document? * Ask yourself, “So what?” about this resource. |