Primary Source Notes

Name: 
Date: 

Using your primary source as a starting point, highlight and make note of the following to help guide your research.

who
(wrote or produced this source)
(was the intended audience)

when and where
(was it written)

what
(style is it written in, e.g. speech, poem, satire)

why
(was it written? did it serve a specific purpose)

significance
(how/why was it significant at the time)
(how/why is it significant now)

search terms
(words that stand out and can be useful for searching later)

consistency
(does this support or contradict your prior knowledge?)

gaps in knowledge
(what do you need to know more about after reading this)
Once you’ve read the entire article/entry, consider the following:

**in other words**
(what do you think the source is saying)

**memory bank**
(important points you want to remember)

**research questions**
(what do you want to investigate further and focus your paper on?)

**citation information**

Title of primary source:

Author/creator of primary source:

Original date of publication:

Original place of publication:

Where did you find this source? (book? website?):

Title of the book/website:

Editor of the book/website:

Page numbers:

Publisher:

Publication Date:

Location: