

Skills	Underlying questions	Why are the questions significant for analysis?
Contextualization	<p>What was happening at the time the event occurred or the document was written/created that might have had an influence?</p>	<p>Historians examine the historical context of events to understand why things happened the way they did. Context is different from causation in that instead of focusing on specific events or actions that may have caused another event to occur, historians refer to context as the larger constellation of developments and processes that may not have served as a specific cause but may still have influenced an event. In other words, the context of an event often influences its course, even if it did not cause the event. Context can operate on many different levels, from the local to the global. Understanding the historical situation that a source was created within is crucial in making sense of primary sources.</p>
	<p>What was happening at the specific place where an event occurred? In the country as a whole? In the larger region? In the world?</p>	
Contextualization (CONTINUED)	<p>How does a specific event relate to larger processes? How do larger processes shape a specific event?</p>	Contextualization (CONTINUED)
	<p>How does the context in which a source is read or viewed inform how it is understood?</p>	