

5Ws READING COMPREHENSION CHART

Title: _____

Author: _____

<p>WHAT?</p> <p>What information is being communicated?</p> <p>What is this source's main idea?</p> <p>What event/person/theme is this source about?</p> <p>Does this source raise any further questions for you?</p>	
<p>WHO?</p> <p>Who are the main people mentioned in the source?</p> <p>Include information such as titles and birth dates or death dates when available</p>	
<p>WHEN?</p> <p>When do the events take place?</p> <p>What range of time does the source cover?</p>	
<p>WHERE?</p> <p>Where do the events take place?</p> <p>Include information such as city, country, town, etc.</p>	
<p>WHY?</p> <p>Why is the event or person significant?</p> <p>Does the source answer the question "so what?" regarding the importance of the person or event covered?</p>	

EXTENSION QUESTIONS: The Reliability of Sources

1. Does the author demonstrate any bias?
2. What kind of evidence does the author use to support his/her claims?

BIAS: prejudice or favour against or for a thing, group or person. Usually considered to be unfair.