

Written Document Analysis Worksheet

(1) Type of document (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorandum | <input type="checkbox"/> Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Telegram |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Press release | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patent | <input type="checkbox"/> Congressional record | <input type="checkbox"/> Census report | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - # |

(2) Unique physical characteristics of the document (check one or more):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Handwritten | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interesting letterhead | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Typed | <input type="checkbox"/> Seals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notations | <input type="checkbox"/> "Received" stamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

(3) Date(s) of document: July 6, 1803

(4) Author or creator of document: Thomas Jefferson

Title or position of author: President

(5) For what audience was the document written? It was written for Captain Meriwether Lewis.

(6) List three things the author said that you think are important.

- a. I solemnly pledge the faith of the United States that these draughts shall be paid
- b. for assuring them of honorable and prompt retribution
- c. _____

(7) Why do you think this document was written? To inform Lewis about the journey ahead.

(8) What evidence in the document helps you to know why it was written? Quote from the document. "I Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America, have written this letter of general credit for you with my own hand and signed it with my name."

(9) List two things the document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written.

- a. growing rapidly
- b. looking for more land

(10) Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document. _____

Why did you send Lewis and Clark, not just Lewis or Clark.