

John

## 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 type="checkbox"/> Other    |

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handwritten | <input 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: Sept 13 1865(4) Author or creator of document: Cornelius HedgesTitle or position of author: Child(5) For what audience was the document written? This document was written for his parents.

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

- I am comfortably situated in the city
- I have 300 feet of gulch
- it is pretty easy to make a headway.

(7) Why do you think this document was written? To inform his parents on his trip

(8) What evidence in the document helps you to know why it was written? Quote from the document.

"I would like to hear from you very much and all the neighbors and relatives."

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

- Its a pretty hard country to get a start in.
- It is a hard life at best

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

Why did you leave.