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Written Document Analysis Worksheet

Documents are primary sources that can tell us a lot about the people and times in which they were written. Use this worksheet to help you take a closer look at a document from Colonel McCormick or the Chicago Tribune.

1. What type of document is this? Newspaper, letter, advertisement etc.?

2. Describe the document. What do you notice about it? Is it handwritten, typed, stained, does it have notes written on it?

3. What time period (date/year) is the document from?

4. Who wrote the document?

5. Who was the audience for the document?

6. Why do you think the document was written?

7. Find evidence in the document to support your idea of why it was written.

8. What does this document tell you about life in Chicago at the time it was written?

9. What is special about this document that caused it to be saved rather than thrown away?

10. What question would you like to ask the author of the document?

