

*Ways of the World: A Global History with Sources for the AP® Course*  
**AP® Skills Workshop Activity Handout: Analyzing Primary Sources: Sourcing**  
**Chapter 14: Economic Transformations**

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**1. Activity: Sourcing a Document.** Read the excerpt of a primary source below from page 608. Then, fill out the box below to identify the key elements of sourcing for the source.

**Source: Miantonomo, a chief of the New England Narragansett people, reacting to the environmental consequences of English colonialism in 1642.**

You know our fathers had plenty of deer and skins and our plains were full of game and turkeys, and our coves and rivers were full of fish. But, brothers, since these Englishmen have seized our country, they have cut down the grass with scythes, and the trees with axes. Their cows and horses eat up the grass, and their hogs spoil our bed of clams; and finally we shall all starve to death.

<b>Summary</b>	
H = historical situation	
I = intended audience	
P = point of view of the author	
P = purpose of the document	

**2. Activity: Identifying the Historical Situation.** Read Source 14.3 (page 631). What is the historical situation in which the document is set? Fill in the table below:

What is the basic summary of the document?	
What is going on in the big picture that influences the document?	

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Who is the document's intended audience?	
What words help convey the author's point of view on the topic?	
How do the author's social status and background affect the perspective in the document?	

Then, write a sourcing statement that encompasses at least the summary and one of the other categories.

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**3. Activity: Analyzing a Source and Writing a Sourcing Statement.** Choose another primary source in this chapter and write a paragraph analyzing its background, being sure to address how all of the following elements impacted the creation of the source: point of view, purpose, audience, historical situation, and credibility/limitations.

Then, write a sourcing statement that encompasses the most important aspects of your analysis.

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