Lesson 1 : America in the 1850s **Primary Source Questionnaire**

Directions

Use the following questions to help you interpret your primary source documents (including letters, speeches, and images). Fill out a different questionnaire for each document that you read or view. Use a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

1.	Who created this document?
2.	When was this document created, and on what occasion?
3.	Who was the audience for this document? Who would have heard or seen it?
4.	What is the main idea of this document? What does it want its audience to know, and what does it want its audience to do?
5.	What does this document tell us about the time period in which it was produced?
6.	What most surprised, offended, or inspired you about this document?
7.	What questions do you have about this document?