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## 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 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: november, 1892

(4) Author or creator of document: Mr. James fergus

Title or position of author: Cowboy

(5) For what audience was the document written? His friend

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

- The evening of the 3rd july, when being seized with an uncontrollably patroictic desire to celebrate
- We are having a cold spell of weather here just now with the usual fall winds, & several small snowfalls
- I shall sorely miss your library this winter, as i have allready suffered from mental starvation

(7) Why do you think this document was written? To tell his freind about his life has been and how bad the winters are

(8) What evidence in the document helps you to know why it was written? Quote from the document. It khas been my intention to write you for a long time and give you a short sketch of my

eventfull & dissipated career.

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

- Cold
- Starvation

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

Who is your friend