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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 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 Hedges

Title or position of author: Cornelius Hedges was a gold miner in the Rocky Mountains who struck rich gold.

(5) For what audience was the document written? Cornelius Hedges' parents

(6) List three things the author said that you think are important.
"It is a pretty hard country to get a start in, but after being once started it is pretty easy

- to make headway"
- "Perhaps I couldn't sell all I have here for 1,000 but I know I wouldn't take \$5,000 for it"
- I have 300 feet of gulch claims to which we have been running a Drain that has not cost me.

(7) Why do you think this document was written? To tell his parents about how he is doing and what he is doing

(8) What evidence in the document helps you to know why it was written? Quote from the document. I presume you have not forgotten your boy in the Rocky Mountains

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

- Its hard to get used to
- Life is full of danger here We have lots of men who are ready to murder for a few dollars.

(10) Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document. Why are you Writing about this