Written Document Analysis Worksheet

Directions: Answer the following questions ON A SEPERATE SHEET OF PAPER. Keep this worksheet as we will be using this throughout the year in order to better analyze documents.

1. What type of document is this (Example Newspaper, Letter, Map)?
2. What is the date of the document?
3. Who is the author and what is their significance?
4. Who do you believe this document was written for?
5. What is the main idea of this document?
6. List three things the author said that you think are important and why you think they are important.
7. Why do you think this document was written?
8. What basic assumptions does the author make in this document?
9. What evidence in the document helps you know why it was written? Find a quote from the document that helps you support your reason.
10. List two things the document tells you about life in Europe at the time it was written.
11. Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document.
12. Are there any common themes in the time period you can identify in this document? How is this document similar to or different from other documents which address the same subject?
13. What have you learned throughout this class that may contradict what was written in this document?
14. What is the significance of this document? How does it help us better understand what was occurring in society during this time?