

Congress Protects the Right to Vote: The Voting Rights Act of 1965

Worksheet 2: Decoding the Documents

Name _____

Title of document _____

1. What kind of document is it? (newspaper, letter, bill, petition, etc.)
2. Date of the document
3. Who is the author of the document? (Include name and position, if available)
4. For what audience was the document created?
5. What aspect of the voting rights issue is addressed in this document?
6. What is the author's perspective on the issue he or she discusses?
7. How persuasive is the evidence the author presents in relation to the use of Federal authority over voting rights?
8. How would you summarize the argument presented in this document as one sentence?