Reading Documents — What can documents tell us?

What is your first impression when you look at the document?

Now, take a second look.
Who wrote this document? Who is it written to?

What is the writer trying to say?

Why was this message important to the author and his or her audience?

What is the relationship between the author and the audience?

Examine details of the document.
How was the document created?

What does this method of writing say about the author and audience?

What can you tell about the document’s paper?

What type of person would use this type of paper?

What words have the author used that indicate values or emotions?

Why do you think somebody saved this document? What did this document represent?

List four facts you can deduce from the details of the document.

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