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Primary Source Analysis Worksheet

• Document Title **Letter from Leon Sherrod** _____

• Type of Document (Check One):

_____ Newspaper

_____ Map

_____ Advertisement

X Letter

_____ Congressional Record

_____ Telegram

_____ Speech

_____ Press Release

_____ Census Report

_____ Book

_____ Report

_____ Other

• Date of the Document **1/30/1974** _____

• Author or Creator of the Document **Leon B. Sherrod** _____

Background of the Author: (position, nationality, gender, occupation, social class, religion, etc.)

General contractor, Texan, male, working class, Dust Bowl survivor

• For what audience was the document written? **Ms. Hinchliffe, students of history**

• Document Information:

In your own words, list **3 main ideas** from the document. Cite a quote from the document that illustrates each main idea.

1. **The building trades. "We built cabinets, repaired the Ranger's houses and did all sorts of construction work."**
2. **The rodeo. "One of our biggest jobs was building the corrals, bucking chutes and holding pens for the first annual Rodeo of Grand Canyon..."**
3. **Boxing. "Many professional boxers and wrestlers were enlisted in the CCC because there were no fights available at home."**

Why was the document written?

Mr. Sherrod was asked to give the history of Company 819 in 1934.

List 3 things the document informs the reader about life in the nation/region at the time it was written.

1. **Terrible unemployment, smoking was popular, boxing very popular**
2. **Families existed on \$25 allotment checks each month**
3. **CCC camps like the military, men known as "inductees," barracks, men took pride in their work**

Is the document a credible source of information? Explain.

Yes. Mr. Sherrod writes with great detail despite the 40-year lapse between his enrollment and his letter. He seems sincere in relating his history at the beginning of the letter.

Name the most memorable or powerful quote from the document. Why were these words chosen?

**"...wish I could remember his name. He gave more of his time and of himself than anyone in Co. 819."
This seems to sum up his very positive experience with the men of his company.**