

Primary Source Analysis Worksheet

• Document Title Reclamation/Newlands Act of 1902

• Type of Document (Check One):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congressional Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Telegram |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speech | <input type="checkbox"/> Press Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book | <input type="checkbox"/> Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

• Date of the Document June 17, 1902

• Author or Creator of the Document U.S. Senate and House of Representatives

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

• For what audience was the document written? United States citizens and government officials

• Document Information:

In your own words, list **3 main ideas** from the document. Cite a quote from the document that illustrates each main idea. (These are three possible answers, others are acceptable as long as documentation is included.)

1. There are growing urban areas that water resources will need to be managed in order to continue growth.

“construction and maintenance of irrigation works for the storage, diversion, and development of waters for the reclamation or arid and semiarid lands...”

2. Funds must be set aside for the purpose of sustaining arid, urban areas.

“reserved set aside, and appropriated as a special fund in the Treasury to be known as the “reclamation fund...”

3. There are land areas that can be further utilized and provide for future growth if water is managed properly.

“...construction and maintenance of irrigation works for the storage, diversion, and development of waters for the reclamation or arid and semiarid lands...”

Why was the document written?

To provide for the irrigation and sustainability of growing urban areas in arid regions of the country.

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

(These are three possible answers, others are acceptable as long as documentation is included.)

1. Water prior to legislation like this was managed locally and not by the federal government.

2. Prior to these types of projects many desert and arid regions were not available for large scale development.

3. This law demonstrates that the government is planning for long-term large scale development.

Is the document a credible source of information? Explain.

Yes, as the actual law that created the Bureau of Reclamation and the original source of reclamation projects it is credible.

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

Any answer is acceptable as long as the student provides support for their answer.