

## Sourcing Examples

1. “John Adams wrote this account of the Boston Massacre in a letter to his wife. He vividly discusses the horrors of the event and then confirms the safety of several of their dear friends who live in Boston. Because it is an intimate letter written to his wife, he is very honest and open about the events. His tone is one of deep concern for their friends who were involved and his purpose is to inform his wife because he knows she would be concerned about these people and he wants to end her worries for their safety.
2. Hammurabi, being the king of Babylon, would have been seen as a source that had authority. The Babylonians would have read Hammurabi’s Code and known that had to obey it because it had the seal of the king. Also, because Hammurabi was Babylonian himself, he would have firsthand knowledge of the major issues in Babylon, which would help him achieve his purpose of the document which was to create laws that deal with the real issues of the civilization and help solve disputes.”
3. “Ibn Battuta, as a traveler of the Islamic world, had been to many diverse places and seen how other civilizations treat women. As a result, he knew that the treatment of women of Mali was drastically different—so he writes about this. He is also shocked by how free the women are because he is an orthodox Muslim, so he has been taught that women should be veiled in public. His purpose is to inform other Muslims of the wide diversity of how women are treated in other Muslim communities.”
4. “As an American himself, Thomas Jefferson had felt and experienced the loss of his rights from the British government firsthand. He had suffered under the British government’s acts that limited his freedoms and rights (such as the Sugar Act, Stamp Act) and knew that the British had been unresponsive to the Americans’ pleas for more rights. As a result of his experiences, he wrote with much authority the Declaration of Independence with the purpose of informing Britain why the colonies were separating.”
5. “The Albany Plan proposed by Ben Franklin and others would have created an inter-colonial assembly that would have power over intercolonial trade. Franklin attempted to get them to join with his famous veiled threat that if they didn’t join in this effort they would all die a divided death.”
5. “When Parliament passed the Stamp Act, which was a far-reaching internal tax, taxing paper items, deeds, wills and many other items, the colonies exploded in opposition. In response to this tax, the Virginia Assembly stated that they were the only legitimately elected legislature that had the “exclusive right and power to levy taxes”.”
6. In addition to taxes, the economic right to private property was directly infringed upon when British troops would search anywhere and anytime with their writs of assistance. Sam Adams thought this extremely tyrannical for the British were violating “personal security, personal liberty, and private property.”
7. The Muslim Merchants of Calicut, concerned over their loss of economic control and profit, politely demand that the Hindu ruler force out the Port forces who are attempting to set up a fortification in Calicut, in order to protect not only their own economy, but also that of the kingdom.
8. In another example of resistance to and concern about Portuguese influence on Indian Ocean trade, merchants are writing to the ruler of the Aceh Sultanate pleading and appealing to their Muslim allies for assistance in defending against the Portuguese “infidels” who are raiding and attacking their shipments which is endangering their livelihood.
9. The British Indian Association, frustrated with the British colonial government’s imperialization of India and unwillingness to recognize the established Indian caste system, by forcing high caste Indians to use second class carriages, created a petition to ask that the British government acknowledge and respect traditional Indian hierarchy.
10. As a reformer, Shen Baozhen stressed the importance of China building its own railroad to the emperor and other high officials, in order to get support to proceed with the project and protect against further European encroachments.

