

Analyzing a Source - APPARMS

- **A**uthor - Who created the source? Does the author or website express or support a particular point of view or is the author or website unbiased (**simply stating factual information**)? Is the author or website known for supporting a particular point of view or ideology? If so what is it? For example, the Friends of Medicare website is not going to support private health care insurance.
- **P**lace and Time -Where and when was the source produced? Is this relevant to understanding the source? For example, knowing that a letter written by a soldier was written in a World War I trench would help better understand the letter.
- **P**rior Knowledge – Do you have knowledge that helps you understand the source? Is there knowledge you might need to have to fully understand the source?
- **A**udience – What audience is the source intended for? Does this affect the reliability of the source? For example, Major League Baseball announces that one of its athletes has tested positive for steroids. Would a written statement given to the press by the athlete’s lawyer denying that the athlete used steroids be considered reliable?
- **R**eason - Why was this source produced at the time is produced? Was it produced to convince people of a point of view? Was it produced as propaganda?
- **M**ain Idea - What is the main idea that the source is trying to pass on to its audience?
- **S**ignificance - Why is this source important? What can we learn from it?

Curfew for Teens Passed by Council

Today the Crystal Falls, Alberta City Council passed a by-law regarding a curfew for persons under that age of 18. The new law states that “persons under the age of 18 will not be allowed on the streets after 8:00 pm from September through April and 9:00 pm from May through August” and if a person is caught out after curfew, “a mandatory 40 hours of community service will be required and a \$250.00 fine will be levied”. This new curfew will go into effect on January 1st. This youth curfew comes after a wave of vandalism and break-and-enters during the preceding six months. Approximately \$50,000.00 worth of damage was done to private property and businesses during this time. City council passed this law with a 6-1 vote.

Source: Fairview Daily News, City Reporter - Terri Churchill, Tuesday, July 14, 2009

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Curfew By-Law a Black Mark

Dear Editor:

The new youth curfew law that was passed by City Council is a black mark against the idea that in this society, you are innocent until proven guilty. All youth under the age of 18 are being painted with the same wide brush as criminals or potential criminals with this law. The actions of a small minority have now punished those law-abiding teenagers who have never done anything against the law. Whatever happened to the democratic society that was supposed to be Canada? What freedoms do teenagers now have in Crystal Falls? Does city council really believe that this curfew is going to solve the problems of vandalism and the “b and e’s”?

Instead of this curfew, maybe the city council should have thought about the “root cause” of why these incidents have been occurring. Is it because this city does not have anything after 6:00 pm for kids to do? What about opening a youth centre in one of the vacant buildings downtown and offer dances, video games, and other activities for the youth so they are not just wandering around looking for trouble? What about spending some money and opening a skateboard park next to the hockey rink? City council really missed the boat on this and the youth of this city are the ones who are going to pay.

Sincerely,

Kerrie Watkins
President Bishop Paul O’Byrne High School Student Council

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