

Analyze A Written Document

What can these documents tell us about the pattern of resettlement and occupation status of Vietnamese Refugees in the 1980s and 1990s?

A. Meet the Archival Materials:

- Letter
- Chart
- Report
- Speech
- Newspaper
- Email
- Patent
- Advertisement
- Identification document
- Telegram
- Congressional document
- Court documents
- Others, be specific

B. Observe Its Parts:

- Who wrote it? What is their role and function?
- Who was the intended audience?
- When was it written? What was happening at the time this document was written?

C. Make Sense of Archival Materials:

1. What can this document tell you about the initial placement of Vietnamese Refugees in 1980, 1985, and 1990? Is there a connection/pattern?
2. What happened to Vietnamese refugee populations across the U.S after their initial placement? What were the reasons for these changes?
3. Are there any patterns of resettlement across time and space? If yes, what are they? Where were Vietnamese refugees initially placed (color the area in Blue)? Where did they resettle to and why?
4. How did displacement and migration affect the occupational status of Vietnamese refugees?
5. How do your findings from these documents inform your understanding of the contemporary Vietnamese American communities in the U.S?
6. What else from the materials stood out for you?