**Historical Thinking Skills – Analyzing Historical Evidence Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

How will you use evidence to support your argument & stance on a historical topic? You need to evaluate your source, identify evidence relevant to the questions at hand.

**Doc. 1:** ***Testimony for the Factory Act of 1833: Working Conditions in England***

1. **Source and POV/Bias:** *Who* created the document? From what positions are the three perspectives given?

2. **Reason /Purpose**: *Why* do you think this document was written? (defend, attack, persuade, explain, etc.)

3. What abuses did the medical report reveal about the factory workers? What do they recommend?

4. In the testimony of John Wright, he discusses the “wretched condition” of the workers – discuss several of his examples.

5. In contrast to John Wright, how does William Harter defend himself against the charges that he was abusing the working class?

**Doc. 2: Sybil, or the Two Nations: Mining Towns, Benjamin Disraeli**

1. **Source and POV/Bias:** *Who* created the document? From what position is the perspective given?

2. **Reason /Purpose**: *Why* do you think this document was written? (defend, attack, persuade, explain, etc.)

3. What seems to be Disraeli’s opinion on the physical consequences of Industrialization? What does he compare industrialization in England to in the “southern climes?”

**Doc. 3: *The Condition of the Working Class in England,* Friedrich Engels**

1. **Source and POV/Bias:** *Who* created the document? From what position is the perspective given?

2. **Reason /Purpose**: *Why* do you think this document was written? (defend, attack, persuade, explain, etc.)

3. What does Engels consider to be the worst health conditions facing the poor? What are some parallels that can be drawn between his report and that of the medical report and testimony from the mill-worker?

4. What do you think William Harter’s (Doc. 1) argument would be against Engels’ case about the poors’ quality of life?

**Doc. 4: *Self-Help: Middle Class Attitudes,* Samuel Smiles**

1. **Source and POV/Bias:** *Who* created the document? From what position is the perspective given?

2. **Reason /Purpose**: *Why* do you think this document was written? (defend, attack, persuade, explain, etc.)

3. Why do you think Self-Help became a best-seller in England despite the conditions? Discuss Dr. Smiles’ tone and whether or not you think he was witness to the poor conditions of industrialization.