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EXPLORING THE WRITING PROCESS WITH PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIALS



Lesson Topic: Collaboration/Correspondence

Primary Source:

Guthrie, Woody, and Alan Lomax. *Letter from Woody Guthrie to Alan Lomax.*
19-Sep-40, 1940. Manuscript/Mixed Material.
<https://www.loc.gov/item/afcwwgbib000004/>.

Directions: Use the primary source above to complete the activities on the following pages.

Activity One

Directions: Consider the following advice from Woody Guthrie to Alan Lomax. Answer in the spaces below as to whether or not you agree with each piece of advice. You may look back to the source for further details.

1. Quote from Image 1: "Don't try to cover too much territory, or make it too much of a sermon. Just tell the facts." Do you agree with this suggestion? Why or why not?

2. Quote from Image 2: "Don't try to be too funny. Just tell the truth." Do you agree with this suggestion? Why or why not?

Activity Two

Directions: Now, try and find two more examples of advice that you feel are important or that you disagree with. Complete the chart below.

Example of advice	Why do you feel this is an important piece of advice? Or, why do you disagree?