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## EXPLORING THE WRITING PROCESS WITH PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIALS



**Lesson Topic:** Drafting - Anecdotes

**Primary Source:** Lomax, John A, and Alan Lomax. *Writings, books, "Our Singing Country," 6/8, John A. Lomax and Alan Lomax papers.* United States, 1941. Manuscript/Mixed Material. [https://www.loc.gov/item/afc1933001\\_ms449/](https://www.loc.gov/item/afc1933001_ms449/).

**Directions:** Access the primary source and to go to image two. Read the excerpt and complete the following questions.

Who is telling the story?

What is the tone of this anecdote?

Briefly summarize this anecdote (include the beginning, middle, and end).

What is the author trying to accomplish with this anecdote?

Do you think the author was successful at accomplishing that goal? Would you have changed anything in order to achieve that goal?

In paragraph two, the author uses dialogue. How does this help to make the character Tom Hight come to life?

What does this anecdote teach the reader about the character Tom Hight and what kind of a person he is?

Does this anecdote help the reader to better connect with the character Tom Hight? Why or why not?