Lesson 4

Student Handout 4.1

Below are listed collections of documents that are available for study. Read through the descriptions and decide whether the collection will give you a relatively large-scale (panorama), medium-scale (landscape), or narrow scale (closeup) understanding of time and space.

Document Collection One:

- Archive Record 1: Diary of A.G. MacKellar, January 1844 June 1845, outlining his travel from Inverness, Scotland, to Louisville, Kentucky (USA).
- Archive Record 2: Letter of Witold Brejnak, 12 March 1898, to his parents in Krakow, Poland, describing life in Spain.
- Archive Record 3: Employment records of the Union-Pacific Railway, recording the names, nationality, age, and length of employment for those working on the Transcontinental Railway (1863).
- Archive Record 4: Ship manifest, 5 August 1804, names and personal data on persons that sailed from Nice, France, and eventually landed at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

What perspective does this collection provide in time?	
What perspective does this collection provide in space?	

Document Collection Two:

- Archive Record 1: Statement of account, January 1954-December 1954, detailing farm expenses (groceries, heating, stock feed, etc)
- Archive Record 2: Trust Deed, recorded July 1953, detailing exact farm property boundaries.
- Archive Record 3: Letter from an unknown farm laborer to his mother dated 11 November 1954, describing other laborers and daily routines on the farm.

What perspective does this collection provide in time?	

What perspective does this collection provide in space?

Document Collection Three:

- Archive Record 1: Biologists' field records, study completed in 2006, describing the number and variety of plants and animals along the Negro River (a tributary of the Amazon) in Columbia.
- Archive Record 2: Audiotape interviews with native elders describing life and the setting of their village along the Negro River. The stories relate to approximately 1910.
- Archive Record 3: Biologist's report on findings related to a tree that fell during a violent storm along the Negro River. The study of the tree's rings demonstrates growth spurts, fires, drought, and indicates that the tree was approximately 400 years old.
- Archive Record 4: Archeologists' reports and findings of a settlement on the Negro River. Artifacts, fire pits, waste dumps, and so on suggest the environmental setting dating back approximately 1,500 years.

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What perspective does this collection provide in space?	