

Analyze it! Documents

What kind of document is this?

Is the document handwritten or printed?

Why do these words look different in size and font from the rest of the page? What information is being shared?

Old Home Week

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE,

... AUGUST 11 TO 18, 1900 ...

What do you notice about these markings? What do they tell you about this document?



Old Home Week in New Hampshire will be celebrated August 11th to August 18th, 1900, and it gives me unqualified pleasure to invite all absent sons and daughters of the State and all who have some time lived within its borders, to return during that week and assist us in kindling the fires of State patriotism. The busy cities, the thriving villages, the little towns and hamlets among our smiling hills, will receive our visitors with genuine New Hampshire hospitality.

Read carefully. Can you figure out the main idea of this document?

The custom of observing Old Home Week was inaugurated last year with complete success. Many thousands of New Hampshire's absent children returned, and it is expected that the number will be greatly increased this year.

That Old Home Week appealed to the highest sentiments and aroused feelings long dormant was shown by hundreds of poems, sonnets, songs, and marches dedicated to our State, by historical addresses and articles of interest and value, and by orations of great ability. The endowment of libraries, the erection of public buildings, the awakened interest in village improvement and better highways, the repurchasing of the old homesteads and farms, afford proof that the festival also appealed to the practical side of men's natures.

Absent sons and daughters of the Granite State, no matter what success has crowned your efforts in your adopted home, remember that the "precious dust of your kindred is here." No matter how dark the clouds about you, remember that "the staid Doric meeting-house prays for you yet."

Is the text formal or casual? What does that tell you about the document's purpose and the document's audience?

What is different about this section of the document? Why did the author include it?

"Which one of her own can a mother forget?
My heart is not granite: I long for you yet.
From my watch-towers of hills I have viewed you afar,
Wherever the toils of humanity are;
My heart is not granite: I long you to see;
O children, my children, come home once to me!"



Given at the Council Chamber in Concord, this fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-fourth.

Frank W. Rollins

Governor.

This special marking has words and an image. What do they mean? Why is this marking on this document?

Whose signature is this? Why is this signature on this document?