

## Assessing with Primary Sources

**Grade Level:** Middle School (6-8)

**Standard(s) or Objectives:** CCSS.RI.8.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.  
CCSS.RI 8.6 – Identify aspect of a text that reveals an author points of view or purpose.

### Special Collection Morris Library:

TO OUR STUDENTS.

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Every young lady should be provided with an umbrella, a water-proof cloak, low-headed walking shoes of ample size, and good rubber overshoes. Young men also need umbrellas and overshoes.

#### **citation**

[Southern Illinois State Normal University]. *Southern Illinois State Normal University, University and Colleges. (Annual catalog of Southern Normal University, Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois.*

### **Topic Background:**

A short excerpt that describes the value of higher education. Retrieved from the Special collections Annual catalog of Southern Normal University, Jackson County 1875-1892

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### **Source Used:**

The source used for this assessment includes excerpts

### **Multiple Choice Answer Key:**

Question 1 – D

Question 2 – D

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- 1. Which words from the passage helps clarify the meaning of “calisthenics”? (CCSS 8.4)**
  - A. “Health”
  - B. “Habitual application”
  - C. “Fragment of a diamonds”
  - D. “Physical culture exercises”
- 2. What is the author’s main purpose in this passage? (CCSS 8.6)**
  - A. to explain the philosophy of higher education institutions when developing curriculum.
  - B. to discuss how profitable it is to study a career at a higher education institution.
  - C. to describe the social benefits of being an alumni of a respected higher education institution .
  - D. to persuade students to never give up their education.