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Grade 4 Social Studies Worksheet

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A diary a girl wrote on a ship in 1850.

3. A newspaper story written on the day of a flood.
An encyclopedia article about a famous painter.
A documentary film made in 2015 about the 1920s.

4. A poster a student made about the Gold Rush.
A pair of shoes worn by a runner in the 1960 race.
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5. A cartoon made today about the Boston Tea Party.
A letter a soldier mailed home in 1944.
A book about life on the frontier, written by a teacher.

6. A guidebook that describes an old fort's history.
A chart in a book that sums up how many settlers came by wagon.
A bill of sale for a horse, signed in 1855.

7. A biography of a president, written by a historian.
A home movie of a family trip taken in 1965.
A paragraph in a library book about how the pyramids were built.

8. A ticket stub from the first school play, kept since 1975.
A magazine article about the 1906 earthquake, written in 2020.
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