**McKee’s Historiography Worksheet:**

**Introduction:**

As we have already learned, historiography is the study of the study of history and is an important tool that historians use to guide their research. It is very important to understand how earlier scholars have examined a subject to guide our own approach to a topic. The research we are doing will ask you to examine a number of sources written between the 1890’s and the 2010’s with different interpretations of the same topic, the early history of McKeesport. Your goal is see how the record of McKeesport has changed and evaluate what it can tell us about our changing community.

In this assignment, you are going to

* summarize the main points of your sources and the points upon which they agree and disagree,

**Step 1:** On a separate sheet of paper, respond to the following.

1. Develop a thesis as to how you think your sources differ in their coverage of the early history of McKeesport.
2. Summarize the 3-5 most important points made by the author(s) of each source. Describe their portrayal of McKeesport, the McKees, and other early individuals.
3. Summarize points upon which most authors agree.
4. Summarize the points upon which the authors disagree.
5. Describe how the information you learned from your sources did or did not support your original thesis. Be sure to describe your original thesis.