

# Photo Analysis Worksheet

(Adapted from Teaching with Historic Places Photo Analysis Worksheet,  
Maryland Historical Society's "How to Interpret a Picture"  
and the National Archives "Photo Analysis Worksheet")

## Step 1:

Examine the photograph for 10 seconds. How would you describe the photograph? What clues can you find about the location and date of the picture?

## Step 2:

Divide the photograph into four sections and study each section individually. What details--such as people, objects, and activities--do you notice?

Objects:  Activities:  People:	Objects:  Activities:  People:
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**Step 3:**

What other information--such as time period, location, season, reason photo was taken--can you gather from the photo?

**Step 4:**

How would you change your first description of the photo using the information noted in Steps 2 and 3?

**Step 5:**

Based on what you have observed list three things you might infer from this photograph.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 6:**

What questions do you have about the photograph?

How might you find answers to these questions?

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