

Analyzing a Photograph

Study the photograph for 2 minutes, getting an overall impression then looking at details of the people, the moment, and the setting. Then divide the photo into four quadrants and examine each quadrant, trying to answer as many of the following questions as you can.

Who are the people? How old are they? What can you tell from the clothes they are wearing?

What is happening? What activity or event is shown?

Where was the photo taken? What year or decade? What season is it? What time of day?

What objects are included in the photo, such as tools, signs, buildings, vehicles? Why are they there? What inferences can you draw from them?

Who might have taken the photo? For what purpose? How would you describe the photographer's point of view?

Whose story is being told? Whose is being left untold?

What questions does this photograph raise? Where could you find answers to them?

What would be an appropriate caption for this photo?