

Photo Analysis Guide for Photographs in a Series

Examine the picture closely. Read the bibliographic information provided on the back of the photograph. Complete steps one and two.

STEP ONE: Identify the primary source.

When was this photograph taken? Who created this image? Where was this photograph taken? What is in the image? What type of photography was used?

STEP TWO: Think about the composition.

What do you think is the relationship between the photographer and his or her subject? What decisions do you think the photographer made in creating these images? What might have been left out of the photo? What does the photographer seem to want our eyes to focus on in the photo?

Complete after examining the other photographs in this series and reading one of the hand-outs provided.

STEP THREE: Find out the purpose for taking the photograph.

Why were these photographs created? What were the reasons for taking these pictures? How might people of the time period respond to these images? How does looking at a series of photographs help you to understand the photographer's purpose? How does looking at a series of photographs help you to understand the time period when the picture was taken?