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Grade level: 8

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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the object located at the above link while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

Level I: Description

1. Describe what you see.

Level II: Interpretation

1. What do you think this item was used for?
2. How do you think this device worked?

Level III: Analysis

1. Why were canals important during the mid-1800s?
2. How did transportation change with the Age of Canals?
3. What came next in transportation and how did that impact the canals?

