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Grade level: 5

Primary Source: Citizenship Class for Immigrants Photograph, c. 1930s, Work Projects Administration Photographer, Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Writers Program; WPA Project Collection, P 193/10/10.

Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph one at a time 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. In what age group are the people in the photograph?
2. What important objects do you notice in the photograph?
3. Do the people in the photograph appear to be school-age?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What do you think the people in the photograph are doing?
2. What clues are you using to determine what the people are doing?
3. Can you tell the time period of the photograph? How?

Level III: Analysis

1. How is what is going on in the photograph important to being an American?
2. What do all of the people in the photograph have in common?
3. Can you infer anything about the everyday lives of the people in the photograph?

