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**Grade Level:** 4-5

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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph below 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 the box on the back of the wagon.
2. About how big do you think the box is?

**Level II: Interpretation**

1. Why do you think the box is on the back of the wagon?
2. What do you think might have been stored in the box?
3. What things do you think would never have been stored in it? Why not?

**Level III: Analysis**

1. If you and your family were traveling in this Conestoga wagon on the National Road, how might your responsibilities on the journey be related to this box?

