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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph 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. What do you see in this picture?
2. Where is this located (inside or outside)?

### **Level II: Interpretation**

1. What do you notice about the stairway?

### **Level III: Analysis**

1. Do you feel the importance of this stairway is at the top of the stairs or at the bottom? Why?
2. What would you be thinking if you had to climb up the stairs in the picture?

