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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the lithograph attached 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. How are the different people dressed?
2. Who is doing the work and what tools are they using?
3. What are the young girl and child doing in the picture?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What time of year is represented by the picture?
2. What is George Washington doing?
3. What is happening in the background?

Level III: Analysis

1. How involved was George Washington in the farming on his plantation?
2. How was life different for white people and African Americans on southern plantations?
3. How was farming back then different from farming today?



LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON
THE FARMER

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