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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 details do you see in this image?
2. What do you think these men are building?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Was this photograph taken in the early 1800s or the 1900s, and how do you know?
2. What do you notice about the machine in the image and how does it help us identify the time period when this photograph was taken?

Level III: Analysis

1. Why would these men be building a road, and what is its importance?
2. What was the impact of the National Road to Ohio?

