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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 materials is this house made of?
2. Does the house seem large or small?
3. Where do you think this house is located?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What do you notice about the surroundings of this house?
2. Do you think there are any other structures near this house?

Level III: Analysis

1. Why might the location of this house be beneficial to use on the Underground Railroad?
2. What do you think the interior of this house might look like?
3. What can you infer about the people who lived in this house?

