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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph at the link above 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. Where was this photograph taken?
2. What is in the vats?
3. What details do you see in the photograph?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What questions would you ask one of the men in the photograph?
2. Why do you think the company uses such big vats?
3. How do they get the product out of the vats?

Level III: Analysis

1. What is the purpose of the equipment hanging from the ceiling?
2. What changes would you make to improve the factory?
3. What would happen if all the workers quit?