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Grade level: 5

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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the painting 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. How many people do you see in the picture?
2. What other things do you see besides people?
3. What time of year does it appear to be?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What do you think the child in the foreground is doing?
2. Notice the black child. Why do you think the artist included children in this painting?
3. What is the importance of the season to this picture?

Level III: Analysis

1. What emotions do you think are conveyed by this painting?
2. What does this photograph tell you about the Underground Railroad?
3. This painting was first shown at the Columbian Exposition in 1893. Why do you think this famous painter chose to exhibit this work at the World's Fair?

