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Grade level: 2


Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the painting 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 do you see in this painting?
2. How would you explain what is happening?
3. What details do you see in the painting?

Level II: Interpretation
1. What is different about how the people are dressed compared to today?
2. Can you explain how they traveled?
3. What is the main idea of the painting?

Level III: Analysis
1. How is this related to the story we read ("Follow the Drinking Gourd")?
2. What is the relationship between the people? Who are the travelers and who lives in the house in the background?
3. Can you predict what will happen? To whom? Why?
4. How do you think the people felt at the very moment in the painting? How would you feel if you were one of them?