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Grade level: 8

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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the image 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 type of source is shown?
2. What is being shown in this image?
3. Describe the people in this image.

Level II: Interpretation

1. Can you infer when this source was created?
2. Where is the setting for this source?

Level III: Analysis

1. Analyze the development that is going on around the focal point of this image.
2. What features of this image relate to the growth and development of the United States?

