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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph located at the above link (or attached) 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 1: Description

- 1 How many people are in this photograph?
- 2 How many of them are men? Women? Children?
- 3 Describe what you see in the photograph besides people.

Level 2: Interpretation

- 1 Why do you think horses are being used to help do the work?
- 2 Describe the work you think is being done in the photograph.
- 3 How do you think the machines being pulled by the horses help with the work being done?

Level 3: Analysis

- 1 When do you think this photograph was taken? What clues help you in making your guess?
- 2 Why do you think there are men, women, and children working together?
- 3 What do you think might have been done with the grass after it was cut and bundled?
- 4 How was harvesting this crop important to the lives of the people living at Zoar Village?

