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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph 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. Describe the boat pictured in the photograph.
2. How many people are in the photograph?
3. What else do you see in the photograph?

### **Level II: Interpretation**

1. When do you think this photograph was taken? When do you think this type of boat was used?
2. Why do you think the mules are near the boat?
3. How do you think the covered structures on the boat were used?
4. What do you think the material is in the uncovered part of the boat?

### **Level III: Analysis**

1. What does the photograph tell you about how goods were transported at this time in Ohio's history?
2. What jobs do you think the men pictured would do while on the boat?
3. What problems do you think the men using this boat would have had while on the canal?

