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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 I: Description

1. How old do these children look?
2. What type of work are they doing?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What types of safety issues do you see?
2. Why would people want their children to work in a factory like this?

Level III: Analysis

1. How do you think the boys in this photograph felt about their jobs?
2. Are there any situations in the world today where children are working in dangerous situations like these?
3. What do you think happened to children who were injured in these situations?

