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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph located at the above link 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 details do you see in the photograph?
2. What do you think was happening in the photograph?
3. When do you think this happened?
4. Do you recognize anything in this photograph?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Is the water level going up or down?
2. What do you notice about the people and how they are dressed?
3. What do you notice about construction of the house?

Level III: Analysis

1. How long do you think the people were on the roof?
2. How will the people get off the roof?
3. Will the house be inhabitable after the water recedes?
4. How long will it take the water to recede, or will it?