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Grade level: 5

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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. Is it an overcast day?
2. Are there any neighboring houses?
3. Is it a photograph of one house or two?

Level II: Interpretation

1. How much longer will this house stand?
2. Does this house have a foundation or a cellar?

Level III: Analysis

1. Will the owner be able to live in this house again?
2. Does this house sit upon a hill?
3. How high did the water level rise on this house?



People trapped in the upper stories of their homes chopped holes in the attic walls and roofs in order to escape.