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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photographs of the electric car starter and car 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 1: Description
1. What are you looking at in each photograph?
2. During what time period in American history do you think you’d find these items?

Level 2: Interpretation
1. How did the creation of the item in the first photograph make life easier for citizens?
2. How did the creation of the item in the second photograph make life and transportation easier?

Level 3: Analysis
1. Find 5 ways this object compares to a modern day item.
2. How has this object affected your life today?
3. What are some ways in which this item would be impractical during its time?