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Grade level: 4


Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photographs 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. Does this structure look old or new?

2. How can you tell?

3. What materials were used to build this structure?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Why would someone build a structure like this?

2. Who do you think would live here?

3. Is this a good place to live?

Level III: Analysis

1. What do these pictures tell you about the natural resources available in this area?

2. How do these pictures help you to understand the relationship between the U.S. Army and the Native Americans during this time period?

3. If you were a child living in this fort what kinds of things would you do during the day?