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Primary Source: [George Washington Crossing the Delaware](https://metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/11417) by Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze, 1851, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, <https://metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/11417>.

Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the painting 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. Do you recognize any of the people in the painting?
2. What is happening in the painting?
3. What kind of weather are the men in the painting facing?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Why would General Washington have his men out on a night like this one?
2. There are many boats in the background of the painting. Why did the artist choose to focus on the boat at the forefront of the painting?

Level III: Analysis

1. What does this painting tell you about the soldiers in the Continental Army?
2. Do you think the conditions shown in the painting helped the Continental Army to be successful in the attack? Explain.

