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<http://www.math.buffalo.edu/~sww/0history/hwny-tubman.html>

Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph located at the above link (or attached) 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 How many people are shown in this photograph?
- 2 Describe the people. (age/gender/race,etc.)

Level 2: Interpretation

- 1 During what time period was this photograph taken?
- 2 Who might be the intended audience of this photograph?
- 3 Where was this photograph taken?

Level 3: Analysis

- 1 What could the reason have been for this group to have had their photograph taken?
- 2 What circumstances brought these individuals together?
- 3 What does this photograph tell us about the time period in which it was taken?

