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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. What are the adults in the photograph doing?
2. What are the children in the photograph doing?
3. Describe the surroundings in the picture.

Level II: Interpretation

1. How was this different from what the family may have expected about coming to America?
2. Do you think this immigrant family settled in a rural or urban area? Why?

Level III: Analysis

1. How do you think this family felt about their new life in America?
2. How much pay do you think the family received for their work if the garment was damaged?
3. What does this photograph tell you about the immigrant experience?

