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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 1: Description**

1. List five things about these children that are different from you today.
2. List two things about these children that appear similar to you today.
3. State something you notice about the photograph that helps you better understand the time period?

### **Level 2: Interpretation**

1. Describe what might be going through the minds of the children in this photograph?
2. Compare their first few moments in America with the last few weeks aboard the ship.
3. Compare this photograph to a photograph of your family. What things are similar and what things are different?

### **Level 3: Analysis**

1. Look ahead...Compare the lives that the children probably knew to the reality of the life they will likely encounter in America.
2. Select 1 person in this photograph. Write a one-page journal entry as if you were this child and you’ve just arrived at Ellis Island. Use information from our lessons to add details to your journal entry.

