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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the broadside 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. When and where was this notice posted?
2. What kind of businesses were being closed early?
3. What time must the businesses close?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Why were these businesses chosen? (Hint – they all sell the same item.)
2. Why would that item cause some concern for law enforcement in that area?

Level III: Analysis

1. Were you surprised to find out that there were many Confederate supporters in Ohio?
2. Why would people who live in a “free” state like Ohio support the Confederacy?

NOTICE!!

It is hereby Ordered,

That all Saloons, Groceries, Taverns, Drug Stores, and all other places where Liquor, of any kind, is sold in Bucyrus,

SHALL BE CLOSED,

AT 9 O'CLOCK THIS EVENING, and kept closed until Wednesday morning, the 8th inst.

W. MERRIMAN,

PROVOST MARSHAL OF CRAWFORD CO.

Bucyrus, October 4, 1862.