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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph located at the above link while answering the questions below in order. These questions will prepare students to think critically when observing primary source documents, particularly photographs.

Level I: Description

1. Where was this photograph taken?
2. What are the people doing?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What type of transportation do you see?
2. How did all the water get into the neighborhood?
3. Why are people in the water?

Level III: Analysis

1. Is this happening today or a long time ago? How do you know?



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