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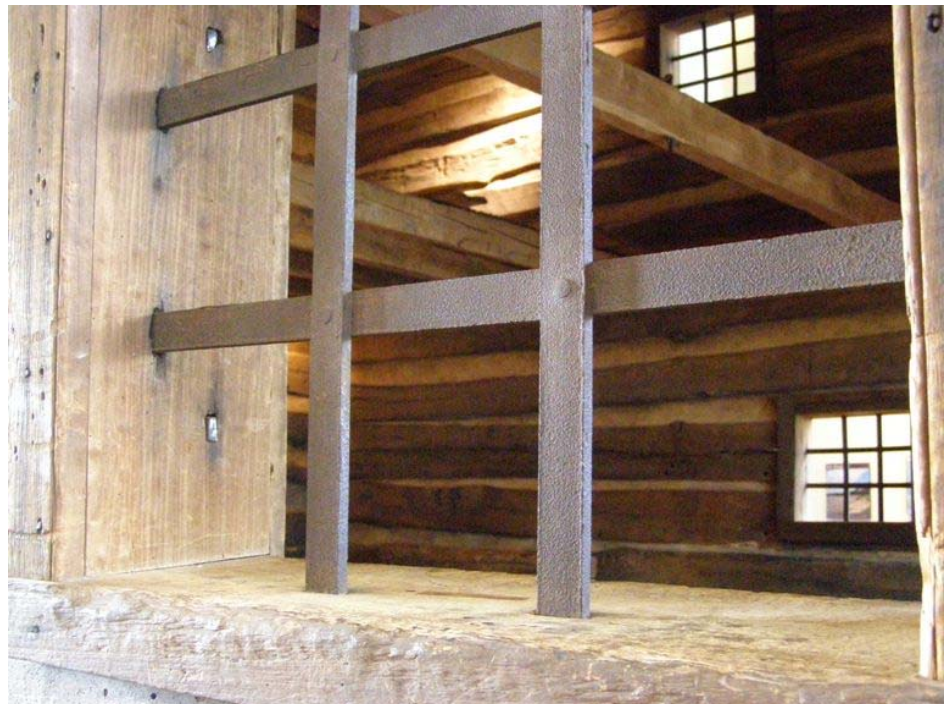
Grade level: 4-5

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Photograph #1

Photograph #2





Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photographs above 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 (Photograph #1)

1. What materials were used to make this building?
2. How many windows do you see and where are they located?
3. Describe one of the windows.

Level II: Interpretation (Photograph #1)

1. Look closely at the row of cut log ends about halfway up the wall. What might they tell you about the inside of the building?
2. Make a smart guess about when and where this building was built.
3. How is the building different from other log houses and buildings you have looked at?

Level III: Analysis (Photograph #2)

1. Look at the close-up photo of one of the windows. Why do you think there are steel bars on the window?
2. Now look through the window to the inside of the building? The log beams make up the floor of the "upstairs". What do you think the upstairs would have been used for?
3. Why do you think there are no hooks or shelves for storing household good and clothing on the inside of the walls?