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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the document 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. Who are the people in this illustration?

2. What does this illustration represent?

3. Who are some of the other people in this illustration?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Looking at the picture, about what time period in history do you think this event took place? How can you tell?

2. Where is this event taking place? What clues in the picture made you think that?

3. Why do you think the publisher decided to print this illustration on the front cover of this magazine?

Level III: Analysis

1. What do you believe the people in the line are thinking? Why?

2. Who do you think the white man is behind the doorway? What do you believe he’s thinking at this moment? Why?

3. What do you think some of these people do for a living? Explain your answer.