Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the objects pictured below 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. Why was it better to pull the reaper by horse than using the hand-operated reaper?
2. Why was Springfield called the Champion City?
3. What was James Leffel’s Water Turbine used for?

**Level II: Interpretation**

1. How is William Whiteley’s reaper better than an original hand reaper?
2. Compare and contrast a hand reaper with William Whiteley’s Champion reaper.
3. Why were farmers and mills so excited when James Leffel created his water turbine wheel?

**Level III: Analysis**

1. How did William Whiteley and James Leffel impact Springfield, Ohio?
2. How did the invention of these two men change the lives of farmers?
3. Brainstorm an idea that you think would make a significant impact on the lives of people today.