



Directions

Get your brain moving! Complete an analysis of this primary source from the Library of Congress.

Observe | See
What do you see?

Identify and note details:

- Describe what you see.
- What do you notice first?
- What people and objects are shown? How are they arranged?
- What is the physical setting?
- What words, if any, can you see?
- What don't you see?

Reflect | Think
What do you think you know?

Generate and test hypotheses about the source:

- Why do you think this image was made?
- What is happening in this image?
- When do you think this was made?
- Who do you think the audience was?
- What tools were used to create this?
- What is missing from this image?
- If someone made this today, what would be different or the same?

Question | Wonder
What makes you wonder?

Ask questions to lead to further investigation:

- What sounds would you expect to hear?
- Construct a question from a perspective *not* represented.
- What types of expressions do you see?
- Compare this with something else you've seen. What are the similarities and differences?
- What challenges could this source present?

Citation

Primary Source Set	Primary Source	PDF
Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln: Three Great Presidents Classroom Materials at the Library of Congress	[Antietam, Md. President Lincoln and Gen. George B. McClellan in the general's tent] Library of Congress	• PDF • Teacher's Guides and Analysis Tool • How to Primary Source Analysis