

ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHS

INQUIRY QUESTION FOCUS: What were the causes and consequences of prohibition?

In your small group, have a discussion about what you **OBSERVE** is happening and what you **INFER** is happening.

STEP ONE: DEFINE KEY CONCEPTS

A. WHAT IS AN OBSERVATION?

SOMETHING YOU SEE - DO NOT GUESS

B. WHAT IS AN INFERENCE?

REASONABLE GUESS - PLAUSIBLE INFERENCES MAKE SENSE BASED ON THE OBSERVATIONS
YOU MUST EVIDENCE THAT YOU FIND IN OBSERVATION

STEP TWO: PRACTICE

Using the two photographs about prohibition, answer the following questions:

1. This is what we SEE in the photograph (observations):

- A. IT SAYS LIQUOR TRAFFIC MUST GO (ALL CAPS)
- B. PRODUCED BY THE WCTU (WOMENS CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION)
- C. REVENUE SMALL COST REMEDY ALL UNDERLINED
- D. POVERTY MISERY CRIME BOLDED
- E. THE REMEDY IS PROHIBITION

2. This is what we GUESS/ASSUME from what we see in the photograph (inferences):

- A. WOMEN MADE THE POSTER (WCTU)
- B. WOMEN EXPERIENCE MISERY, POVERTY AND CRIME FROM ALCOHOL
- C. WOMEN THOUGHT THE SOLUTION WAS TO BAN LIQUOR
- D. THIS SIGN IS FOR LIQUOR SELLERS BEFORE PROHIBITION WHO ARE RUINING SOCIETY
- E. "IT" MEANS ALCOHOL

STEP THREE: ASK QUESTIONS

1. My questions about the photograph: (complete on your own)

2. Our top 3 questions about the photograph: (choose from questions the group came up with)