



Directions

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

Observe | See
What do you see?

Reflect | Think
What do you think you know?

Question | Wonder
What makes you wonder?

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?

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?

Ask questions to lead to further investigation:

- What sounds or smells would you expect?
- Construct a question from a perspective *not* represented.
- How does this image make you feel?
- 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
Natural Disasters Classroom Materials at the Library of Congress	Buried farm machinery. Cimarron County, Oklahoma - digital file from original neg. Library of Congress	• PDF • Teacher's Guides and Analysis Tool • How to Primary Source Analysis