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How to Read a Photograph

1. What do you see?	Examine the photograph for few minutes. Describe what you see.		
2. Divide the image into quarters.	Describe what you see in each quarter of the photograph.		
3. Describe what you can see in the photograph	Element	Observe, Deduce, and Infer What can you tell by looking closely at the photo?	
	<i>People</i> People in the photo		
	Photographer Studio		

	<i>Time</i> Time of Day Season Year/Period/Century		
	Animals		
	Activities		
	Objects		
	Place		
	Other		
	What else can you say about the photo contents/how would you update/revise your description of the photo? What questions do you have about this photograph, and where could you find answers to them		