Questions for Analyzing Photographs as Primary Resources

1. Where was this photograph found?

2. Who created the photograph and why?

3. What is the composition of the photograph?

4. What moment in time does the photograph capture?

5. What is the setting of this photograph?

6. What is the focal point of the photograph?

7. Was the photographer a neutral party, or did he have opinions or interests that might have influenced how and why the photograph was taken in this way?

8. Did the photographer wish to inform or persuade others?

9. Was the photographer attempting to be objective?

10. Was the photograph meant to be publicly or privately displayed?

11. Was it produced for personal use, for one or more individuals, or for a large audience?

12. Has the photographer digitally altered the photo? If so, why do you think this was done?