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School MCHS Grade level for this unit 9-12

Title of Lesson Using Clues to Analyze Photographs

Brief summary of lesson

Students will work in small groups to analyze photographs, using prior knowledge of history, social studies, and geography, looking for clues to the setting and/or time period of the photograph.

List of Materials / Supplies

LOC Teacher's Guide: Analyzing Primary Sources Tool

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Primary_Source_Analysis_Tool.pdf

LOC Analyzing Photographs and Prints

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Analyzing_Photos_and_Prints.pdf

Attached Photographs, numbered 1-5

questions (educated guesses) about photos

whiteboard/dry erase markers

Procedures or Steps

Students will be placed in groups of three. Each group will be given five copies of Analyzing Primary Source Tool, one for each photograph and a copy of Analyzing Photograph and Prints. Students will analyze each photo, writing their observation on the analysis tool sheet. Using these observations, each group will make an "educated guess", answering specific questions about each photo. When groups have finished, each group will post their answers on the board to compare to other groups and share reasoning for their answers. The actual titles and/or historical/social context could then be discussed to see how accurate the "educated guesses" are.