



Analyzing a Historic Photograph

(10 Minutes)

Photography has come a long way in its relatively short history. In almost 200 years, the camera developed from a plain box that took blurry photos to the high-tech mini-computers found in today's digital cameras and smartphones. Images can depict costumes and hairstyles or highlight architectural features on buildings and changes in different modes of transportation. More than any other type of archival record, photographs highlight the distinctions between then and now.

In small groups of 4-6, Students will have a chance to view different 19th century photographs from the Livingstone collection and analyze the subjects.

Have each group select a photograph, and use the worksheet to analyze its contents.

Supplies Needed:

- Worksheets: [Analyzing a Historic Photo worksheet](#)
- [The Livingstone collection - Unidentified photographs](#)