



5Ws Chart: Analysing Photographs

Analysing a document such as a photograph is an important skill. Browse through the Crown of Maples and choose an interesting photograph to analyse. Use the chart below to help you break down the photograph.

Direct observations are things you can easily see and understand. Inferences are conclusions you make about something, even though it may not be directly observable in the photograph.

Source: The Critical Thinking Consortium

Examination	Direct Observations	Inferences
Who is in the photograph?		
What is happening in the photograph?		
When was it taken?		
Where was the photograph taken?		
Why are the people doing what they are doing?		