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Studying & Analyzing a Gettysburg Photograph from 1863

Definitions:

- “Primary Source”: the raw materials of history—original documents and objects that were created at the time under study (Library of Congress)

1. Take Notes from the Video

- Who took this photograph?
- When was this photograph taken?
- Where was this photograph taken?
- What is the main focus of the photograph?
- Are there specific details that make this photograph unique?

2. Take Notes from a written Primary Source

- What type of primary source document is this? (examples: letter, diary, newspaper article, advertisement)
- Who wrote this primary source?
- When was it written or published?

- d. Does the primary source specifically mention the photograph you are studying or photographs generally?
- e. Does the author seem to be trying to convey a particular message or information in this document? What and why?

3. Analyzing the Photograph

- a. What do you notice first about the photograph? Do you think that was the photographer's intent?
- b. What detail in the photograph is most interesting to you? Why?
- c. Did you experience a particular feeling when looking at this photograph?
- d. Do you have any questions about the photograph that haven't been answered yet?