

Observing and Describing the Past

Historic photographs and paintings provide rich and unique details about the past. Examine these sources and write a depiction that clearly describes the event, situation, or environment seen in the image.

OBSERVE

Space	People	Interactions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Buildings or landscapes•Layout of the environment•Objects or physical elements•Senses (what would you hear, smell, see, touch?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Clothing•Actions•Emotions•What might they be saying or hearing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Between the people•Between the people and the space•Between people who may be outside of the image

Observation Notes

Space	People	Interactions

Write Your Description on the Next Page

DESCRIBE

Write your description using specific details based on your observation. You want your reader to feel like they have been transported back to the time of the historic source. Begin by building your DESCRIPTIVE WORD BANK:



Space Descriptors



People Descriptors



Interaction Descriptors

DESCRIPTION

Title: _____