

Photo analysis: Focus on Geography

A worksheet for students to use when analyzing photographs, focusing on information about the geography of the region in which they were taken.

Study the photo carefully for a few minutes and complete the questions listed below. After analyzing two photos, you will be asked to compare and contrast the photos. Make sure you use evidence from the photo to support your answers when needed! Be sure to use specific details. For example, don't just say "a tree." Be descriptive and say "a coconut palm tree."

1. List the objects you see in the photo such as people, buildings, and animals.
2. List any activities you see taking place in the photo such as farming or leisure activities.
3. Describe the types and amounts of vegetation that you see in the photo.
4. Describe the types of buildings you see in the photo.
5. Describe any land or water features you see such as lakes, rivers, mountains, etc.
6. Describe any human activities or evidence of human activities you see going on in the photo. (farming, industry, transportation, leisure activities, religious activities, etc.)
7. What evidence do you see in the photo that humans have altered or changed the geography?
8. Based on your descriptions of the geography, buildings, plant life, etc., what can you infer about the climate of this area? What types of things do you see in the photo that may influence the temperature and precipitation?
9. How do you think the people that live in this area are affected by the region's geography based on the clothing, housing styles, transportation, urbanization, or agricultural practices you see?
10. If you could visit where this photo was taken, what would you explore further in the photo? What questions would you ask the people who live in the area?