Learning from the Source: Zooming into Documentary Photography

Student Activity Instructions

1. How does this picture make you feel? What is your initial emotional response to the image? Write down the first 5 words that come to mind when you look at this photograph.

2. Look at this picture again more closely. What details do you notice? What is the focus of the image? How do the framing, angle, and shading affect your view of the image? Write down 3-5 nouns, 3-5 verbs, and 3-5 adjectives that you think describe this scene or situation.

3. Focus on one person in the image. What details do you notice? Imagine that you are this person and write down 3-5 nouns, 3-5 verbs, and 3-5 adjectives that you think describe how this person is feeling.

4. Use your word lists to help you fill out the thinking triangle.