Activity C

Campfire Stories – Looking Questions and Photograph Analysis

Adapted from Cindy Ingram, “The Art Curator for Kids”
http://www.artcuratorforkids.com/

Look at the photographs in the exhibit and choose an archival, black-and-white photo or print. Reflect on how the details of the photograph can tell us about the people and places of the past by responding to the following prompts.

When you make an observation, ask yourself how you know that. For example, if you say “she’s hiking,” ask “what do you see that makes you say that?” This will help focus your looking and allow you to notice details and make assumptions about those details.

What do you notice? What do you see that makes you say that?

Study each person and object in the picture. What can you tell based on these observations?
What are the people doing?

Describe the environment. What would it be like to live here? What sounds would you hear? What would you smell?

What may have happened before this scene? What might happen after?

What does the photograph tell you about the life of these people?