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**Historic Photo Analysis**

Com 320: Visual Communication

*Your Name*

[insert large copy of the image you are analyzing]

**Content Identification & Image Composition**

What does the image show? What are the major elements? What details stand out?

What is distinctive about the composition of the photo? Does it make use of any visual composition or gestalt rules? Is it appealing to look at?

Does the image make use of any symbols, stereotypes or other visual cues?

What emotions are conveyed in the content? Are there unmistakable emotions in the photo, or does the viewer need to interpret the content?

**Production & Function**

The rest of the W's: Who made the image? When? Where? Why was the photographer there to capture this particular moment?

What was the photographer's professional or personal background prior to this moment?

What is the story behind the subject(s) of the photo? What can you find out or assume about the interaction between the photographer and subject(s)?

What can you find out about how the image was technically produced? (Type of camera, film vs. digital, etc. If you cannot find specifics, provide context about what was typical at that time in history.)

Where was the photo first published? How did it initially reach a public audience?

**Ethical Considerations & Historical Context**

What is the justification for taking this photo? What is the justification for publishing it?

What was the reaction to the photo at the time it was published? Was it controversial for any reasons, either at the time or later on?

What happened to the photographer and subject(s) in the time after this photo was published?

How does the image reflect the context of the time in which it was taken? Is it viewed differently today?

**Research Sources**

*List all sources used for research with consistent citation formatting (MLA recommended). You should have at minimum three reputable sources, though more will likely to necessary to fully verify all facts with multiple sources.*