

How Do We Know What We Know? Analyzing Pictures
Picture Analysis Worksheet

OBSERVATION

Study the picture quietly for a few minutes. Describe exactly what you see, including people, clothing, jewelry, or other objects or writing in the picture.

INFERENCES

Are there people in the picture? If so, what are they doing? What can you tell about the person or persons from looking at the picture? Is it a picture from today or long ago? How can you tell? What do you think the artist or photographer was trying to convey? Based on what you observed, what can you infer or guess about the picture?

QUESTIONS

What questions does this picture raise in your mind?
Where could you find answers to them?



Bounty of Virginia
Engraving by Theodor de Bry
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Pocahontas
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