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Unit 1: Assignment 1.0: Decoding Photographs

Use the "Up Close and Personal" article on page 11 to complete the following assignment.

Step 1: Observe and Describe

1. Where did you find this photograph? Your answer should include the book title, page number and figure number of the picture.

2. What people, objects and activities are depicted in the photograph?

People	Objects	Activities

3. When and where do you think the photograph was taken? What's do you base your conclusion upon?

4. Why was the photograph taken? What evidence do you base your conclusion upon?

Step 2: Analyze and Ask Questions

6. Divide the image into sections to examine the details. If you discover more details, add them to the chart in Step 1 above.

7. What are the people in the photograph doing? What does their body language and facial expressions suggest?

8. How do the objects in the photograph (e.g. signs, buildings, landmarks, vegetation) add to your understanding?

Step 3: Evaluate

9. Does the information in the photograph appear to be reliable and credible? Is it supported by other information sources? If so, what are those sources? Is any particular bias or point of view evident in the photograph?

Step 4: Draw Conclusions

10. List at least three things you could infer¹ from this photograph about the people, the times, or the event.

11. What might be missing from the photograph?

12. How could more background information help you better understand the photograph? What outside sources might you consult to gain a better understanding?

¹ Infer literally means "deduce or conclude from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements," e.g. from these facts we can infer that crime is increasing.