

Analyzing a Photograph

The photographs in your textbook help you understand what you are reading. They enable you to visualize landscapes, dwellings, and other features of places that are unfamiliar to you. If you were studying East Asia, for example, you might read about the terracing that is needed to make the land suitable for growing crops. The photograph below shows you at a glance what is meant by terracing.

To analyze a photograph, you need to examine it carefully and observe the details. Look at the overall content of the photograph first, and ask yourself what the photographer intended to show. Then, look at the details. What can you learn about the landscape, the people, the climate, the way of life?



1. WHAT IS THE OVERALL SUBJECT OF THE PHOTOGRAPH?
2. USING WHAT YOU SEE IN THE PHOTO, DESCRIBE TERRACING.
3. WHY WOULD TERRACING BE NECESSARY FOR FARMING IN THIS REGION?
4. WHAT DOES THE PHOTO TELL YOU ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND FOR FARMING IN THIS REGION?