

## VISUAL THINKING STRATEGIES POWERPOINT GUIDE

**1**

Give your students time to examine all areas of the visual source and write down their thoughts so they are ready for active discussion.

**2**

Ask questions beginning with “Who, What, When, Where, and Why.” For example, “What is happening in this picture?” All responses are welcome with no judgment (neither positive nor negative).

**3**

Track students’ observations, whether visible to the whole classroom or just yourself.

**4**

Ask students for evidence of their observations. “What do you see that makes you think that?” This gives the student a moment to articulate their idea with supporting evidence. An environment welcoming risk-taking is essential for the students’ comfort.

**5**

Encourage students to further examine the visual source after discussion. This is an opportunity to provide contextual background to the source and serves as a gateway for relating it to your lesson or subject.

