Looking at Objects

So much of what we know about our history is rooted in the artifacts from our ancestors. How might we use these artifacts to understand more about art and society? Use these steps to look more closely.

Describe: What do you see? Which people and objects in the photograph attracted your attention? What do you notice about the arrangement of people and objects in the photograph?

Analyze: Why might the photograph have been staged this way? Who do you think the people are in the photograph? What is the context of this photograph?

Interpret: What might be the purpose of the photograph? What message, if any, is the photographer trying to send? Why were these particular people chosen to be in the photograph?

Inquire: What was happening in China at the time this photograph was taken? How does the photograph fit into the context of unfolding events at the time?

The Long Nineteenth Century and the End of Dynastic China: A Gallery Walk Project

During the nineteenth century, China experienced many events that contributed to the end of the dynastic system. For this project you will work in a group to research and present one of these events that helped bring about the demise of the Qing dynasty.

Your group will use sources, both primary and secondary, to help you better understand the event and its effects on China. You are to find and read sources to help you prepare a poster that will be used to teach the class. Your poster must include all of the following:

- a. Who were the leaders of the event? What was their goal?
- b. What beliefs motivated the group? What did they hope to accomplish?
- c. Who were the followers? Why did people support them?
- d. What events occurred? Be specific.
- e. How did the people of China and the world respond to the event?
- f. What were the outcomes of the event? How did they further weaken China?
- g. Use at least three images to illustrate what you have included on your visual.

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Event	Leaders	Supporters	Beliefs	Events	Responses	Outcomes
The Opium Wars						
The Taiping Rebellion						
The First Sino-Japanese War						
The Boxer Rebellion						

