What’s the Story?

* Choose images that depict events or eras, or a series of images that represent a chronology
* Use to introduce students to an event, topic, or era.

**Procedure:**

* Select a series of images that tell a story when lined up sequentially (Special note - the sequence can vary from student to student based on “the best way to tell the story”).
* Put images into a folder in random order.
* Students analyze the images for context clues. Ask students to think about who, what, when, where and why for each image – complete the questions below in the “student questions” section.
* Then, based on what they find, have students put the images in order based on clues they find in the images. There may or may not be a “correct” order. The objective is to put the images in a sequence that will tell a logical story.
* **Student Questions for Image Analysis:**

1. If there is a title on the image, what does it tell you about the image?
2. What clues are there about the location and date?
3. Describe who/what you see in this image.
4. When do you think this image was taken or created?
5. Make a hypothesis (guess) about what is happening in this picture.
6. What do you think happened before this picture was taken?
7. What does the image reveal about its subject?
8. What is the setting of the image?
9. What details does the image include or emphasize?
10. What important historical information does this source provide?

* **Student Questions After Putting the Images in Order:**

1. What information from each source did you use to:

* Put the images in order?
* Organize the images of the sugar beet industry and the immigrant experience?
* **Create a story of the sugar beet industry and the immigrant experience.**

Consider the following questions:

1. What items would be critical for making the journey across the country?
2. What dangers or difficulties might the immigrant(s) have faced?
3. When you consider the difficulties that the immigrants encountered, why do you think they chose to leave their homes for life in Colorado?
4. Do you think farming sugar beets is easy or difficult work? How do you know?