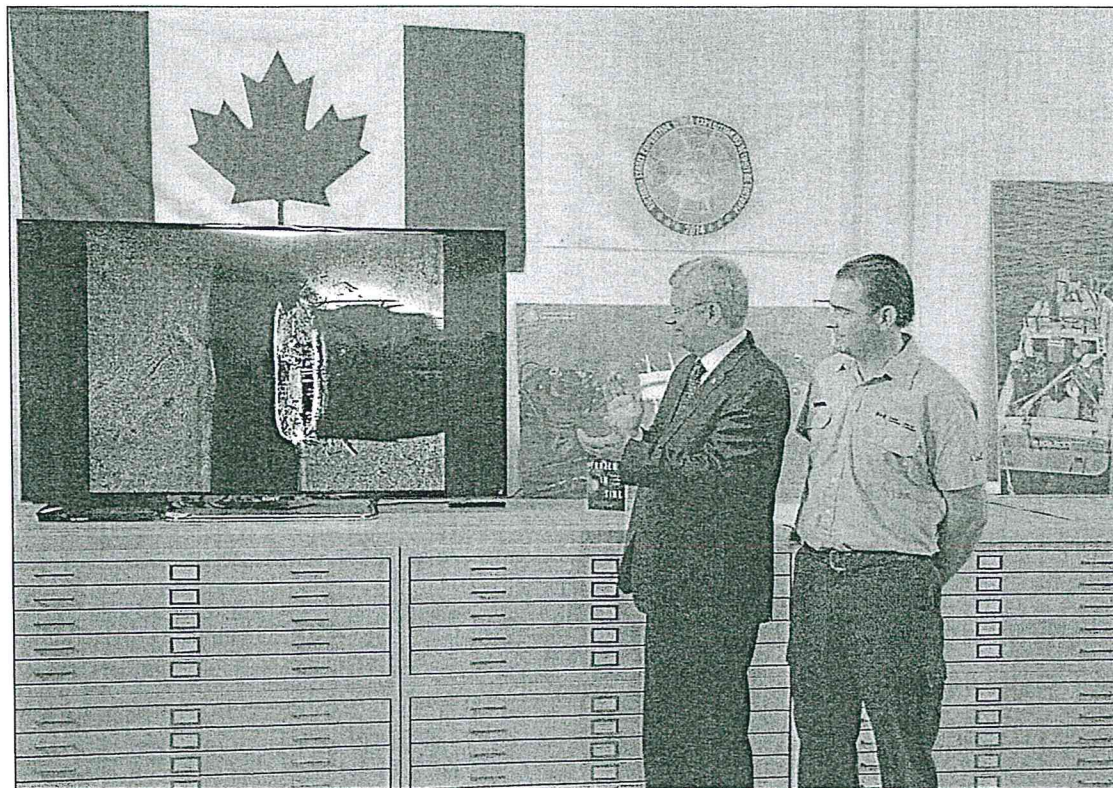


Photographs are useful sources of information. Learning to “read the clues” in photographs can help us learn about historical or contemporary events, time periods or people. The “5W” questions (Who, What, Where, When and Why) is a technique used by reporters when investigating an event – and may be helpful in interpreting a photograph. Each of the 5W questions can help us focus on **clues** (*hints or pieces of information that help us find out something*) or evidence in the picture. We can then use these clues to help us draw **conclusions** (*answers or ideas that we think of because of a clue*) about what is happening in a photograph.

Consider the picture below:



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1. Use the chart below to help you interpret what is happening in the photograph. Record as much evidence as you can for each question.

	Clues <i>(what you see in the picture)</i>	Conclusions <i>(what you think about what you see)</i>
Who is in the photograph?		
What are the people doing?		
Where is the action taking place?		
When did the action in the photograph take place?		
Why is the action happening?		

2. Write a caption: Develop a complete and believable explanation (or caption) for the photograph. A good explanation answers all of the 5W questions, is supported with evidence, and leaves no doubts about the conclusions.

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