

# **“Completing the Picture”**

## **Suggested Topics - Answers**



1. Chinese workers
2. They might not have known what a photograph was; they might have gone to dinner instead; they weren't invited.
3. Suggestions: maybe they were too tired to write; maybe they had no letter-writing supplies; maybe the letters were fragile and didn't survive; maybe the families didn't save the letters; maybe there was no postal service to China available to them.
4. (1).The first choreographed scene is the one about how hard the work was because it was all done “by hand.” The singers used real tools to show how demanding and exhausting the work was. (2). The other scene that seems dance-like is when the four singers move in slow movements that match the Chinese folk melody and suggest how lonely and isolated the Chinese workers would have felt.
5. [Your answer is right!]

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