Sukkot in Frankfurt, Germany - Worksheet

Meet the picture
- Take a brief look at the picture. What do you notice first?
- Is there a caption? What language is it in? What does it say?

Observe its parts
- List the people you see.
- List the objects you see.
- List the activities you see.
- Write one sentence summarizing this picture.

Make sense of it
- Who is the artist?
- Where does the scene take place? When?
- What festival is depicted in the picture?
- Who do you think all of the people in the picture are? Who is Jewish? Who might not be Jewish?
- What types of materials were used to build and decorate the sukkah?
- According to the picture, how do you think life was for the Jews living in Germany at the time?
- How do you think that the environment and society in Germany in the 1860s influenced the type of sukkahs that the Jews built?
- Do you think that this is a realistic or idealized depiction? What makes you say that?

Use it as historical evidence
- What did you find out from this photo that you might not learn anywhere else?
- What other documents, photos, or historical evidence will you use to help you understand this event or topic?

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Sukkot, Moritz Daniel Oppenheim, 1867

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