Directions: Examine the photograph, the source information, and background information to answer the questions below.

Source information
Title: Migrant Mother
Date of photograph: 1936
Photographer: Dorothea Lange
Location: Nipomo, California

Background information: The Resettlement Administration was one of President Franklin Roosevelt’s agencies that helped people from the Dust Bowl. This agency hired photographer Dorothea Lange to take pictures that would build support for its programs. This photograph was one of several that Dorothea Lange took of migrant farm worker Florence Thompson and some of her seven children.

Question 1: Why might the background information above lead you to question the photograph’s reliability?

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Question 2: What is one feature of the photo that might lead you to question its reliability? Explain your reasoning.

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Question 3: What is one thing you would want to know about Dorothea Lange or how she took this photo to better determine its reliability?

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This would help me determine the reliability of the photo because ________________
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