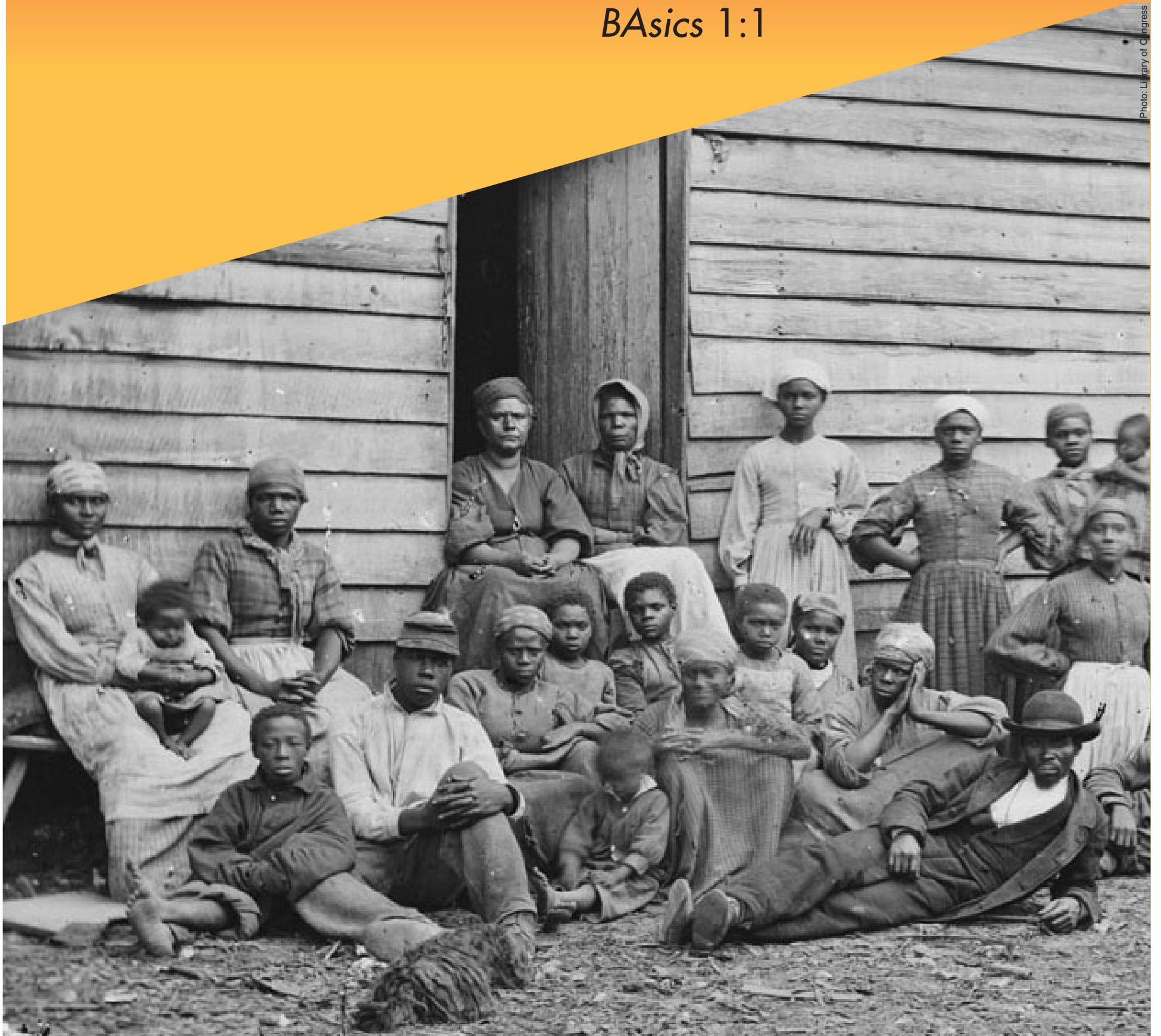


There would be no United States as we now know it today without slavery. That is a simple and basic truth.

*BASics 1:1*



A group of fugitive slaves in Virginia who escaped to Union lines during the Civil War, 1862.

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