“Kiddie Klan” Picture

Directions: Look at the picture of “Josh.” Josh is the little boy who is playing with the shield of a police officer during a Klan March in Gainesville, Georgia. Examine the picture closely, then write answers to each of the following questions. Please answer each question in 3-5 sentences. Be prepared to discuss and explain your responses.

1. What is the first thing that you notice about this picture?

2. What kinds of feelings does it prompt in you?

3. What meaning do you attach to the situation depicted in the photo?

4. Would you feel differently about this picture if the officer that “Josh” is interacting with was not African-American? For example, what if the officer was white? Latino? Asian-American?

5. What do you think is going on in the officer’s head at this moment? What are his facial expressions saying?

6. What kinds of things would you say to “Josh” if you were the officer?

7. Do you think that this experience would have an impact on the “Josh’s” future prejudices if the officer were to speak to him?

8. What do you think “Josh” is thinking or feeling about the officer? About the Ku Klux Klan march?

9. If you were a bystander and observed “Josh” and the officer, what would you feel, think, and do?

10. If you could change anything about this picture, what would it be?