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Too often, historians treat images either as inert illustrations that offer nothing more than objective records of reality or as passive mirrors that merely reflect the past. By approaching them as representations, traces and vital agents, historians can instead use them as primary sources to consider how images played an active role in the making of the environmental past. (From the article)

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