



Photography Composition

Photography is a form of art just like painting, sculpture, and poetry. Each photograph tells a story or captures a moment in time. Just like in other forms of art, photography has guidelines that help us classify, categorize and relay emotions.

Objective: Learn the basic rules of composition photography. Understand how lines and shapes can influence how a person views the story behind a picture.

Project: Photography- Bingo Day 11

Ages: 1st-12th Grade

Time: 1 hour

Supplies:

- Digital Camera (a cell phone is a great option)
- List of Categories (Below)
- Computer & Printer- optional

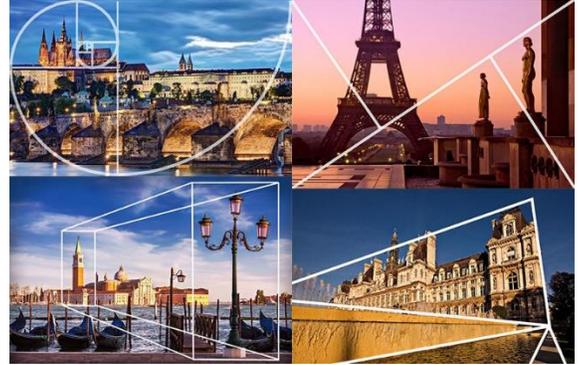


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Activity Directions:

1. Look up how lines and shapes can influence the emotions of the viewer.
2. Take pictures of two different items in each of the following categories.
 - Architecture
 - Flowers or Plants
 - Action or Sports
 - Landscape
 - Person or People
 - Close-ups
3. Take two shots of each items from a different perspective.
4. Share the photos with a friend or family member and ask the below questions.
 - What stands out in the photo?
 - Do you see any patterns, shapes, etc.?
 - How does the photo make you feel; happy, sad, calm, anxious, etc.?

Facilitation Questions:

- What is the first thing your eye is drawn to (color, shape, texture)?
- Did your photographs convey the emotion (calm, sad, etc.) you felt when taking the picture?
- Did any patterns or lines show up in the photograph, if so, where do they lead?
- Are your elements (object, sky, ground, etc.) balanced?
- Take several shots of the same item and include more and less background or elements. Does it change how the photo looks or feels?