

Photo Composition Lesson Plan

Description

Students will look through the document, “Moments from the BattleField” and pick 2 pictures from the document. Once the students have chosen their photos, have them review photography techniques and apply those techniques to the pictures that they have chosen.

Objectives

Students will:

- Explain the composition of the photo.
- Identify photography techniques and how they impact the images.
- Explain how composition affect photos and what are good examples of composition.

Materials

- A list of photography composition techniques
- “Moments from the Battle Field” photo document

Activity

- Start the lesson with reviewing photo composition techniques and discuss how different composition techniques create different narratives of the photos that they are looking at. Brainstorm with students how different composition techniques can invoke different emotions.
- Have your students look through the “Moments from the BattleField” document and have them choose two photos from it.

- Then have your students identify a composition technique that was used in the photos and have them explain why they think the photographer used that particular technique for the photo. Also have them explore and think about how the perception of the photo would change if the composition was different (ex, the subject was moved, the colors were more vibrant or less saturated, a different angle, etc).
- Lastly, have the students compare the two photos that they analyzed and have them note differences and similarities between the two photos that they choose.

Conclusion

Discuss with your students about the importance of photo composition in photojournalism and how photos can be perceived differently if the composition of the photo was different.

Assessment

- Have your students give each other feedback.
- Grading rubric.