Day 9: Photography Lighting Lesson - Remember the EGG

Watch this video: https://youtu.be/qM7CcUrUD2g.

In this exercise, you'll experiment with different characteristics of light and see firsthand how they influence your composition.

Grab a few eggs. This is your subject. Now you're going to seek out different types of light to shoot them under. With each shot, consider how the composition of your scene changes in terms of mood, visibility, context, lines, and so on.

- Set up a scene, with a backdrop of some sort. You can use the inside of a jacket, or a piece of white paper and create a mini studio. White works best so you can see the shadows.
- Alter the intensity of the light in your scene by using the flashlight, or the flashlight on your phone or by using a desk lamp in your room.
- Alter the direction of the light by moving your light source, or changing the position you're shooting them from. You could start with side lighting, and then move around to turn it into backlighting.
- With your egg you will take pictures that illustrate:
- Side lighting
- Front lighting
- Overhead lighting
- Back lighting
- Essentially you are shining your light from the side, then from the front, then from overhead, then from the back. As you try each direction, take notice of the placement of the tones, as well as the proportion of each. And make sure to look at the shadow cast by the egg or action figure as well, both it's direction and size.
- Then with your egg(s) you will use your light source to create examples of hard and soft light.
- So use your flashlight on your phone and shine it directly at the egg or action figure from about a foot away. This is hard light.
- Then put a piece of white paper in between it, to diffuse the light and make your light source essentially
 larger, the light will become softer. Your shadows should look lighter and edges softer.
- Convert your photos to BLACK AND WHITE and create a COLLAGE of your eggs illustrating the 6 different types of light and label them according to what sort of light you captured.
- And REMEMBER, TO MAKE YOUR PHOTOS LOOK PRETTY.

Upload the collage of 6 photos here: Day 9: Photography Lighting - Egg Project IMAGE UPLOAD

