

# Famous Photographer's Research Project

## 3 Parts: Research Paper, Slide Show Presentation, & Recreating an Image

### DIRECTIONS

Students will be able to create a detailed Google presentation about a famous photographer of their own choosing and present it to the class within a five minute time frame. This allows for every student to be an expert on one photographer in addition to learning about several other photographers from their peers. Students will utilize their information and imagery research skills, writing, and critical thinking skills. In addition, this lesson is differentiated for students who enjoy using technology, learning about art history, and applying their artistic skills in their school work.

### Steps:

1. **Select a photographer** whose work you like. Example...if you like portrait photographer, select a photographer skilled in shooting portraits. As you're looking at your photographer's work, be thinking about the how you might recreate one. Choose a photographer that you will do your research project on from the list below.
2. **Research.** TAKE YOUR TIME! As you're doing your research, save the links to photos shot by your photographer. You will use them in for multimedia project. Also copy and paste URL's of sites you are using information from. They will be needed when creating your multimedia project. Create a 15-20 slide powerpoint.
  - a. Great research locations include:
    - i. <https://scholar.google.com/>
    - ii. The library! Most famous photographers have a biography and several photograph books published. Search the San Jose Library.
    - iii. <http://famous-photographers.com/>

\*\*\*Note: Wikipedia is not a reliable source.\*\*\*
3. **Present** - Present your 5 minute powerpoint presentation to the class.
4. **Recreate one image** that your photographer took. Put a lot of time and thought into this. You can view links to each of these photographers [here](#) on the right hand side nav bar. Do not follow this school's instructions, just use the links available.

## PowerPoint Presentation Guidelines

### INFORMATION

All of the bulleted information must be covered in your presentation.

- Full name of individual
- At least 10 images that represent their style
- Date and place of birth & indicate years of life (and if still living)
- How influenced-by others in field of photography
- How influenced-by circumstances in life
- Awards, fellowships, grants, etc. (explain nature of award)
- Typical subject matter of photographs made by this artist
- What this artist is trying/ tried to communicate
- Typical style of work
- Geographic places this photographer shot
- Significant contribution(s) to photography (or the art world)
- What they themselves said/say about their work (quotes OK)
- What others have said about the work

### PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Select a layout, design, background, font, and animation for your presentation.
- Every slide should have relevant information and/or an image that students write about in the slide or verbally explain.
- Information and imagery should be presented chronologically if possible.
- The final presentation should be **15-25 slides**.
- Final presentations will be saved on **student Google Drive** and turned into Canvas when finished for grading!
- You will be presenting your Photographer's Profile to the class. Presentation should last 5 minutes.

### CREDITING YOUR SOURCES

- Everything must be cited!
- Create an informal bibliography slide at the conclusion of your presentation listing where you obtained your information.
- You must hyperlink images to the web pages where they were found. Here is a guide to hyperlinking your images: [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_5871481\\_images-powerpoint.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_5871481_images-powerpoint.html)

## Part 4: Recreate a photo shot by your Famous Photographer

1. Select one photo shot by the photographer you profiled, and try and recreate it and shoot it yourself.
2. Consider the lighting, setting, technical aspects of recreating your photograph. Be creative!
3. Feel free to use school appropriate props.
4. It can be done in the classroom, in school, on-location or at home.
5. Submit the photo you shoot with the original photo shot by your photographer. This photo should be used in your presentation.

Examples:



### **Early Photographers & Photo Process Inventors**

Jacques Mande Daguerre	William Henry Fox Talbot	Paul Nadar
Julia Margaret Cameron	Eadweard Muybridge	George Eastman

### **Architectural Photographers**

Randy Scott Slavin	Janie Airey	Edddy Joaquin	Moby
Simon Kennedy	Dirk Reinarts		

### **Landscape Photographers**

Ansel Adams	Berenice Abbott	Lars Van De Goor	Philip Hyde
Joseph Holmes	Eliot Porter	Galen Rowell	

### **Documentary Photographers / Photo Journalism**

Timothy O'Sullivan	Jacob Riis	Weegee	Walker Evans	Lewis Hine
Dorothea Lange	Margaret Bourke-White	Robert Doisneau	Helen Levitt	
Shiran Neshat	Elliot Erwitt			

### **Pictorial Photography**

Alfred Stieglitz	Gertrude Kasebier	Eva Watson-Schutze	Oscar Rejlander
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### **Straight Photography**

Paul Strand	Eduard J. Steichen	Imogen Cunningham	Paul Outerbridge
Kate Kirkwood			

### **Experimental Photographers**

Laszlo Moholy-Nagy	Minor White	Alexander Rodchencko	Man Ray
Harold Edgerton	Rinko Kawauchi	Eadweard Muybridge	

### **Still Life Photographers**

Jan Groover	David Ashman	Sandy Skogland	Edward Weston	Holly Lackner
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### **Portrait Photographers**

Richard Avedon	Steve McCurry	Bill Owens	Cy Jo
Mary Ellen Mark	Carrie Mae Weems	Jan Meissner	Cass Bird
Annie Leibovitz	Peter Turnley	Gabi Ben Avrahahn	Diane Arbus

Brandon Stanton

Gordon Parks

Steven Meisel

Cristina Hoch

**Contemporary Photographers**

Harry Callahan

Jerry Uelsmann

Gregory Crewdson

Bronek Kozka

Cindy Sherman

William Wegman

Shelly Corbett Uta Bath

Jeff Wall

Hiroshi Sugimoto

Holly Andres

Andy Goldsworthy

Alex Prager

**Surreal or Fantasy Photographers**

Alex Stoddard

Brooke Shaden

Kyle Thompson

Logan Zilmer

Yutha Yamanake

Alessio Albi

**Sports Photographers**

Bob Martin

Elsa Garrison

Erik Refner

Max Rossi

Neil Liefer

Bill Frakes

Walter Looss

Chris Burkard

Kevin Winzeler

Tim Clayton

Savannah Cummins

Krystle Wright

Sachi Cunningham

**Street Art Photographers**

Keegan Gibbs

Martha Cooper

Jürgen Große

Henry chalfant

Nils Müller

Alex Fakso

Ruedi One

Ian Cox

**Notify me which photographer you would like to research (have a backup ready just in case another student has asked for the same photographer.)**

Lesson Plan Sources:

<http://lthsdigitalphotography.weebly.com/famous-photographer-presentation.html>

<http://lisimedia.blogspot.com/2012/11/history-of-photography-research-project.html>