

What Makes a Great Photograph?



The Elements of Art & Design

Line	Rhythm
Texture	Movement
Shape	Contrast
Color	Balance
Form	Pattern
Value	Emphasis
Space	Unity

Ingredients

- Good Composition
- Interesting Lighting
- Unique Perspectives
- Compelling Subject matter
- Thoughtful Post-production

Articles

1. **5 Elements of Great Photography**
 - [LINK](#)
2. **10 Characteristics of Great Photos**
 - [LINK](#)
3. **5 Fundamentals of Great Photographs**
 - [LINK](#)

Websites

- [IPhone Photography School](#)
- [The Spruce](#)
- [Popular Photography](#)
- [PetaPixel](#)
- [500px](#)
- [Particlr](#)
- [Phases Magazine](#)

Directions

Look at all of the links and websites above. Consider what you think makes a compelling photo? What are some common elements of good photos? What do YOU find interesting? What sort of images will YOU take this semester? After reviewing all of the resources above, create a slideshow. Requirements below. Each person will create 1 slideshow. Each slide will contain 1 image and 1 label.

Overview & Purpose

Students will become familiar with all of the E&P's using photography to document their knowledge and understanding. Applying evidence of knowledge and understanding of the E&P's can improve the quality and visual impact of photographic images.

Activity

Students will review and analyze websites and articles provided.

Students will search the internet for images that best demonstrate each of the elements & principles of art & design, save those images, and create a slideshow.

Students will create a presentation that contains 1 example of each of the Elements & Principles of art & design using images they found in the internet. Each slide will contain 1 photograph that is properly labeled with that element or principle **AND a sentence explaining how that element or principle is demonstrated in the photograph.**

The first slide will contain the students name and period. There will be a total of 15 slides.

Objective

1. Identify the E&Ps of art and design
2. Create a presentation of found images that demonstrate your understanding of the E&P's
3. Analyze how emphasis on the E&P's in art improves image quality and impact

Tips

- When searching, go to "tools" then "size" then "large" for high quality photographs
- Fill the slide with your chosen photograph BUT do NOT distort your image. Hold SHIFT when you drag the image corner to re-size
- Don't pick the first photos that show up. Try to find images that no one else in the class will use

Presentation Requirements

1. 1 image for each of the Elements & Principles
2. 1 image per slide
3. Fill the slide from edge to edge
4. Only use HIGH QUALITY images
5. Google Slides
6. Title Slide that includes your name and period
7. Label each slide with the E or P AND a sentence of explanation of where/how you see it