

Final Photograph

Submit a single photograph based on a theme given by the instructor.

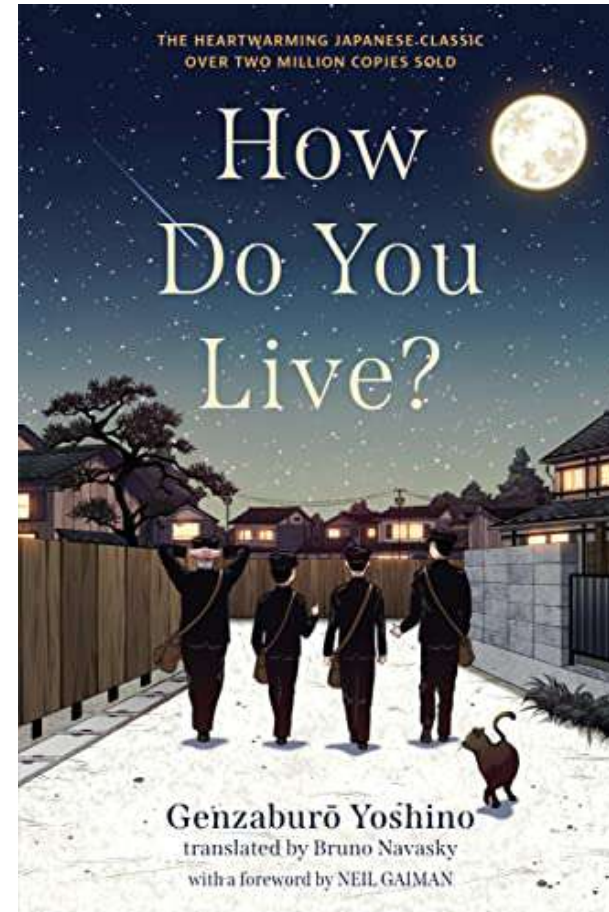
FINAL PHOTOGRAPH

- Your final photograph will be worth a test grade.
- You are going to be given a theme and will give me a photo based on that theme.
- You will explain how your photo fits that theme as you have interpreted it.



Fall 2023 Theme- “How Do you Live?”

- How Do You Live?
- This theme is based off a book written before World War II. A coming of age novel where the main character “Copper” deals with the struggles of growing up.
- The book opens with Copper making a discovery that other people around him exist and have their own lives (Their own stories)
- In otherwords he is not the center of the universe.



FINAL Photo- “How Do You Live?”



- Things Copper learns on his journey.
- Everyone has a story (Things about them that make them who they are).
- The importance of friendship
- His morals define him (Such as loyalty and keeping your word)
- The Value of a person is not defined by their social status.

So I'm asking you in one photo "How Do you Live?"

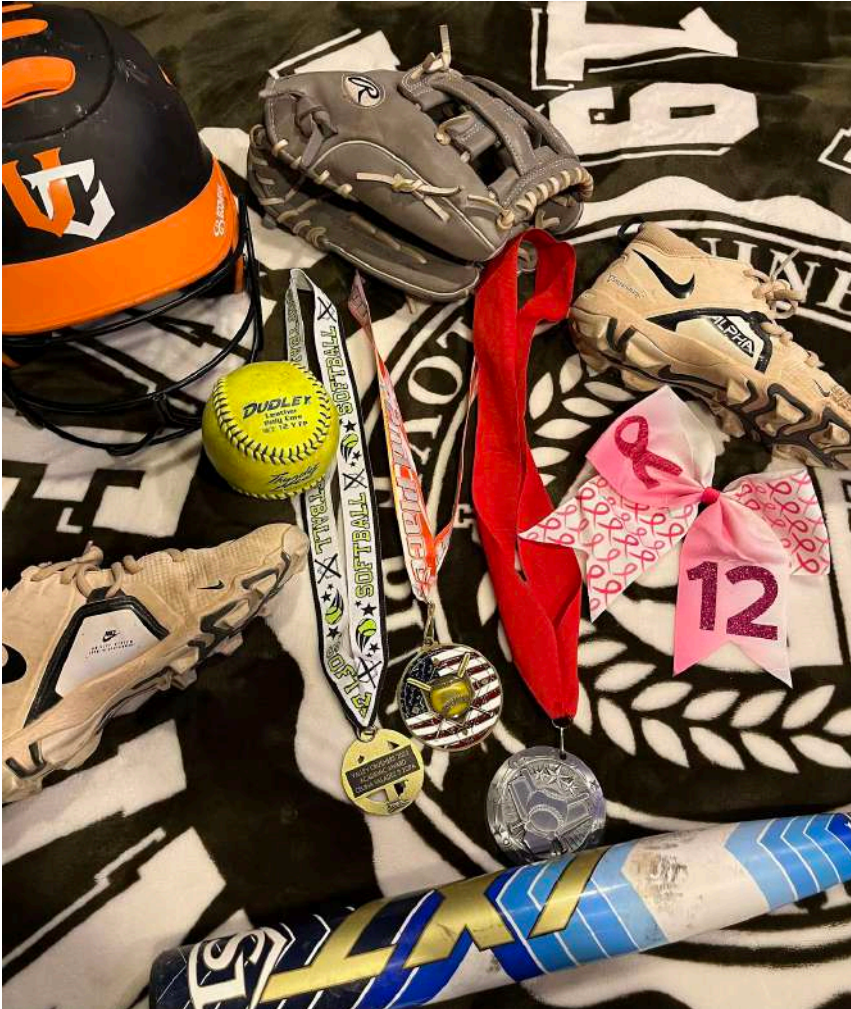
- Overall the book is about personal growth from childhood into adolescence.
- Who are you as a person?
- What defines you?
- What is important to you?
- What are your values, what do you value?
- What great discoveries have you made about yourself?



How Do you Live?

Examples of Photographs submitted for this assignment

Celina



- I chose to take this photo because softball means a lot to me in different ways, such as commitment, trust, and dedication. I feel this way because when playing a sport it's hard to be around the same girls and trust that they're putting in the same time and effort to win. When playing this sport it's more than just hitting and catching a ball. It is more of building a bond and putting time into a game. I feel like playing this sport has opened my eyes and made me learn I'm not just playing myself but for a team and not letting my emotions reflect on others. I also learned how to gain friendships and how to win and lose together, I think these are good life skills to learn and have because you're not always going to win or get your way but understanding that you are still a team and working hard to build or be better together.

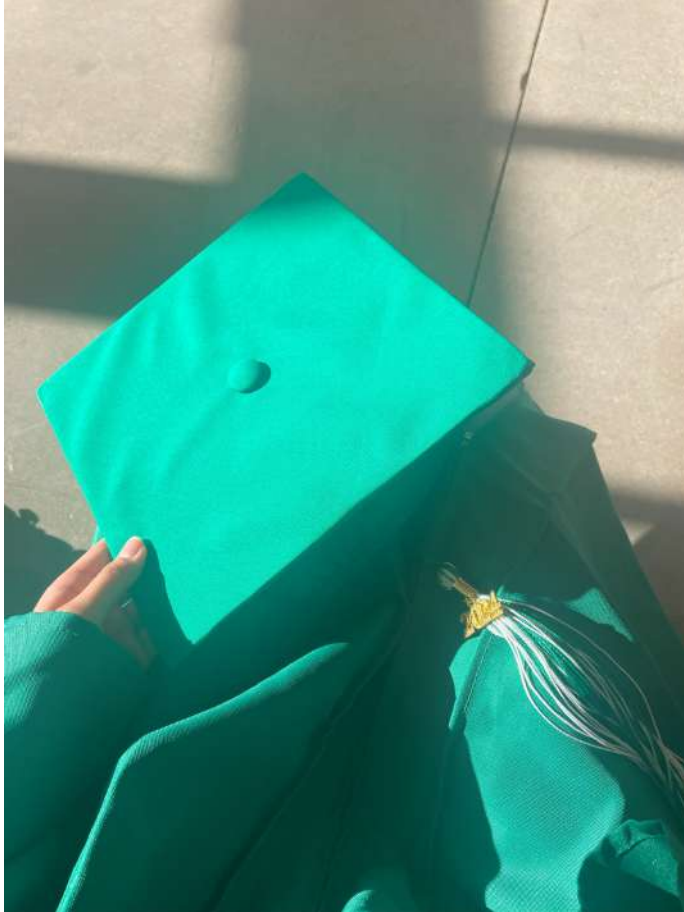
Florence



- For my Final photograph, I put a volleyball, Headset and a camera. These three things affected my life this year. I never thought I would like photography like how I do now. Back then I looked at it as a normal class but now it's different, I really enjoy taking pictures, it makes me calm. For volleyball, I love the sport, I been playing the sport about a year now and I still love it a lot, I been training for so long for tryouts in february. Lastly my headset is something that I can't live (without) it, even for one day. Listening to music is different from taking photos or playing volleyball. Listening to music is sooo calming to me, something I would look into the sky and listen to music just to chill, and to relieved stress from school.



Juliana



- I'm reminded of how fleeting and unique those moments are when I look back at the pictures. I haven't always stopped to look around and enjoy the present, and up until now, I haven't valued every moment I have left to live. Over the past few months of this year, my perspective on life and how everyone else views it has changed significantly. I'm happy that at last, I'm starting to see the world as something more meaningful.

LIVIE



- My photo was inspired by Annie Leibovitz's bed photo of Fleetwood mac. I think someone's bed is a very intimate space that reflects the person who sleeps, which is the side of me that I wanted to portray. I did this through the cluttered background with colorful blankets, clothes, music, etc. The things in the back are things that are a part of my room and represent how life feels sometimes: overwhelming. However, the picture is still composed and I look calm while being in the midst of the mess, which is what you have to do in real life, and that's what I wanted to portray.

Meakara



- Basketball made me come self aware about normal aspects of life. Such as even if you give your all it could possibly not be enough. You giving your all doesn't mean the people around you will. Basketball was more than a sport to me it was a way for me to be myself. It also helped me see that you won't like how some people try to teach things. But the people I was close with during basketball were like family their family would also be there for me. For example, gave me rides, made sure I ate, or just watch the game and cheer me on with their son.

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(Excerpt)

Bee



- As a creative I was scared of my art not looking great or in other words “judgement.” My room was my only safe place for me to truly grow and reflect upon my feelings. To me this meant filling my room with a collection of art and memorabilia that help me present my values and view of the world. I’ve spent days creating art with all media such as painting, music, photography, sketching, fashion, and I’m sure much more. This led to self discovery and getting more comfortable with being “Bee” not just in my room, but all the time!

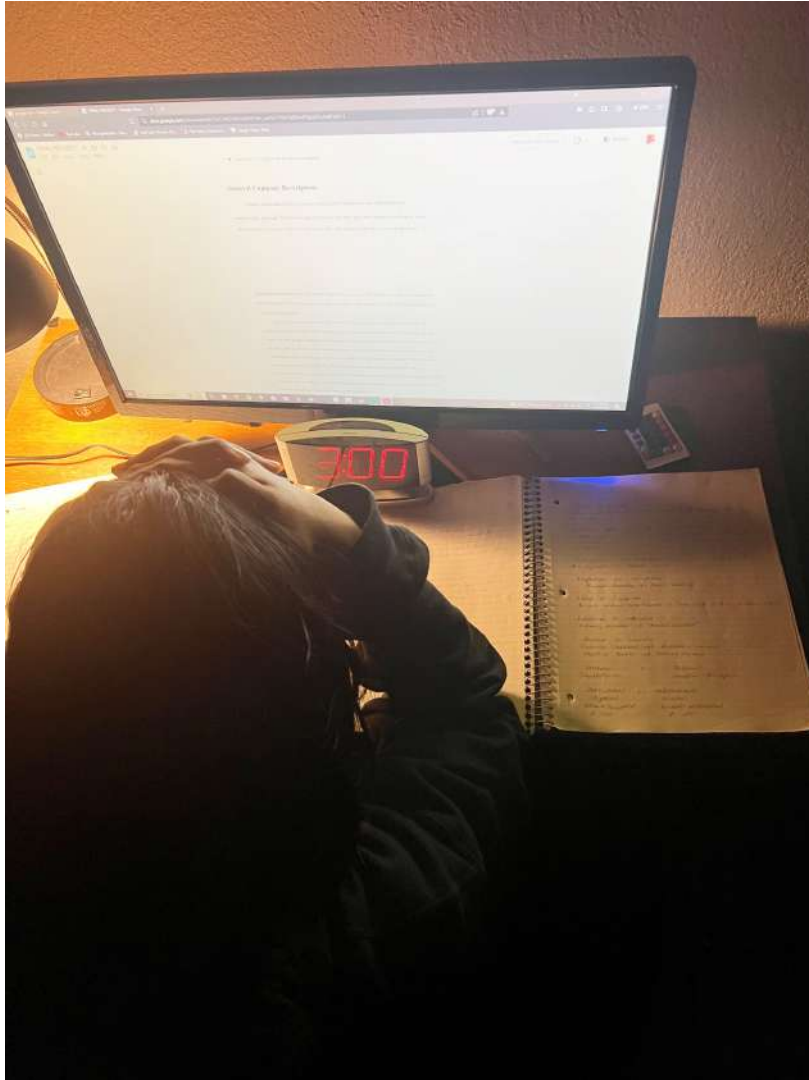
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Isaac



- Some of the ideas I wanted to focus on in this photograph is my problem of slacking off and procrastinating. I made sure to have a green light shining to symbolize a new beginning and growth, since I always have to force myself to do work and put aside distraction to start my work, but in this photo I couldn't resist temptation. In this photo I am laying in the comforts of my bed slowly falling asleep trying to do work. In conclusion, I wanted to portray that I want to live an easy life avoiding work, but have to put it aside because I am afraid of being left behind in my work and in life.

Iverson



- I live my life by being a dedicated worker that manages to finish their assigned task on time no matter the circumstances, even when I'm sick. I managed to capture this idea in my photograph with the abundance of papers and the clock depicting 3 am. During my school years, I've progressively become more of a hard working student that made sure he finished his work even if the task posed as an impossible challenge.
- (Excerpt)

Lizeth



- I decided to concentrate on what I like and a little bit of my personality, then I saw this photo, it had good compositions and from the moment I took it I felt some kind of connection, I felt that I identified with it, I feel like it describes my personality and a little bit of who I am, I love to have peace and quiet, simple plans and beautiful views, I think it describes the peace I love to be in.

Exsavior



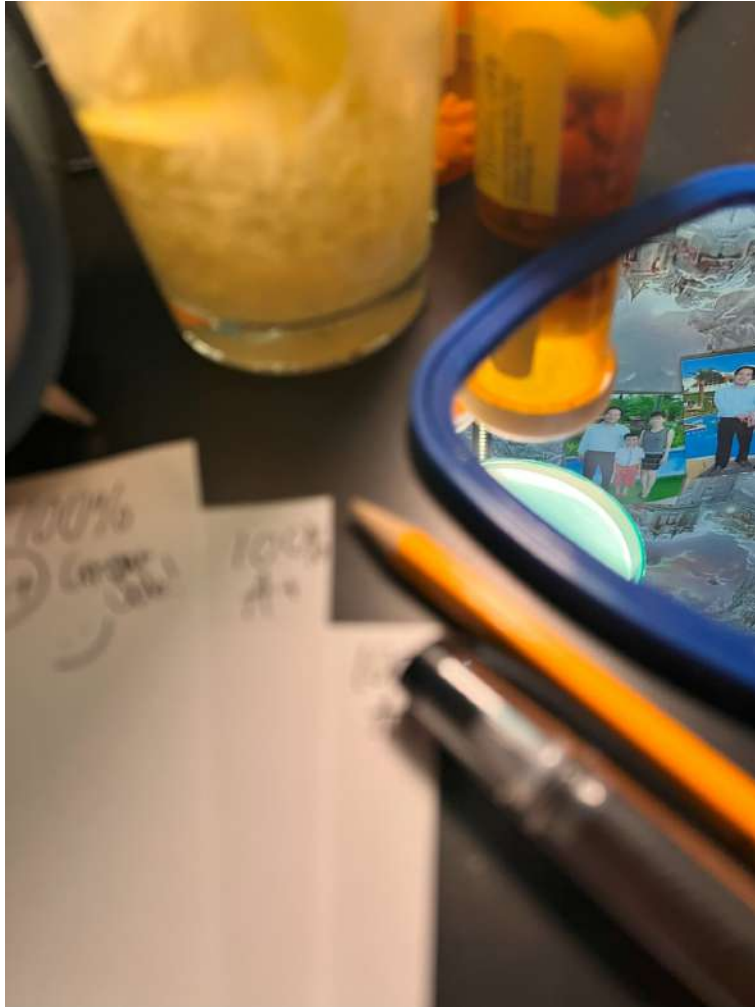
- The photo was chosen because I think it's a nice photo but also because this is how I personally live. When I go skating at night it's usually because I feel lonely or some type of sad feeling which is often and doing this takes my mind off everything because I can go out at night and do whatever I want without having to feel judged or feel like I need to act/present myself a certain way because no one will see me.
- (Excerpt)

Khalia



- The reason I chose to focus on Track and Field is because it is something I am Passionate about and something that is important to me. I first started Track and field when I was in 5th grade and my first race was the 100 meter I felt a connection to track that day even though I lost my race it made me wanna work harder so I can win my races Track made me happy and I felt free didn't worry about anything that was going on in my life all I cared about was winning my race

Hau



- Growing up, my family went through a lot for me. They've immigrated to the states for me to have better opportunities, opportunities that they've never had themselves. They would work twelve hours a day, seven days a week so that I could grow up and live the life that they've always wanted to live. I've always believed that the only way for me to repay my debt to them is by working hard in school and getting good grades. But as I grew older, I realized that I shouldn't burden myself with the responsibility to always get good grades because my feelings meant much more to my parents than grades. Now, I value my family more than ever and instead of feeling upset or disappointed in myself for doing bad in school, I get inspired to do better because I know they are always there for me.
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Dennis



- Throughout these past few years, almost everyday, I have rode my bike to school. As the years went on I feel like I've grown in my journey to becoming an adult, and my bike has been there every step of the way. I have had a few injuries when riding my bike, so bad that I broke my wrist twice, but it has been a learning experience. It has helped me discover what type of music I like to listen to, and has been there for me through rain and shine. Although I don't ride my bike as much anymore, I feel like I've grown out of it, it has helped me evolve as a person and I'm thankful.

Peter



- Some ideas I had while taking this picture was that boxing helped me mature throughout life. Boxing helped me become a better, independent person who could defend themselves. Memories I have of boxing are when my brother is training and sparring with me because those are the times I have the most fun with my brother. Things I discovered while boxing is that If u can't be comfortable with being uncomfortable then you don't have it in you.

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Gio



- (Excerpt) I always want to travel and go to places where nature is open and free to distinguish. A major life discovery I've found is try new things because without you won't know who you truly are or want to do in life, Always exploring is what causes one to develop as a human and know their true self and how to keep on going.

Brandon



- My final photograph is a photo of all the items that I valued and what makes me live in life. The ideas I was trying to focus on were my passion, hobbies, and who I do this for in my life. I became a person who is kind hearted but also tough and criticized my work ethic. In the photograph I value the two sports I play which are volleyball and football. (Excerpt)

Joel



- When taking my final photo I wanted to emphasize the topic of family/love with a hint of some individuality. Simultaneously I show you my values and what and who are important to me so when looking at my photo you are faced with two pairs of shoes. The ones in the middle are my mom's other pair of shoes that are mine spelling out "Love you". These two shoes are important to me because they show the act of giving since this had been a gift I had gotten from my mom and vice versa. Left dirty purposefully to represent that nobody in life is "clean". Clean as in innocent, pure, and perfect. Giving a story on how everyone makes mistakes. Interpreting this theme as Who do I live with? What tiny bits of other people do I show within myself? Therefore having other beads at the end of the shoelace. All representing someone or something special in my life. Whether or not it's a date, the first letter of a name, and or month of birth date. Having the creativity of expressing myself through my shoes shows you how I live, my morals, and values shown from just two pairs of shoes giving you an inside look at how I live. Getting inspiration from the saying "Take a walk in my shoes." Being able to tell a lot about a person simply by the shoes they are wearing with a closer look compared to face value

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Keily



- I took this photo because it represents the change of countries I was in. I moved from my native country Guatemala to be able to have a better life here in the United States.
- Leave family and loved ones behind, leave friends. But, just as I left some ties behind, I came to create new ones.
- I am much closer with my brothers, I have created great friendships and the bond that I did not have before with my father is now unbreakable.
- Perhaps this photo does not show a person or something significant, but it is a reference to the fact that I now carry both countries in my heart.

Hanna



- The collage I had in mind for this reflection represents my growth as a coming-of-age teenage girl because it shows how I grew up from a girl to a woman. I focused on the growth of the many things I've gone through in my whole 16 years of living as a girl. In my opinion, no matter how much I've gone through in life I've never strayed off the path of just being a happy person and someone who shows lots of affection and care towards others. I've discovered that certain moments in life change and affect you as a person and in most cases are unavoidable. Mistakes and achievements build an individual and carry it on with a past. Overall this collage specifically means a lot to me because there is so much history in my life and going forward I will experience many new, old, love, hate, and growth as a young woman.

Lance



- I got many things that I value a lot for but my family is going to be on the top 1 of my list. My family has been taking care of me since I was a baby or was born. They have given me everything I need to be successful and set me up for a good future. I wouldn't become a nice person if it wasn't for my family. I made a lot of memories with my family and my cousins. Especially my cousins since I always hang out with them from time to time. One of my top memories with my family is when we went on a cruise. My cousins were really excited and happy because this was their first time on a cruise. We went to many different places such as different restaurants, on top of the ship to watch a movie, golf, and etc. Although there are many different things I value, my family will of course have to be top 1 on my list.

Kyan



- I chose to take this photograph for my final to represent the importance of music to me. A lot of my life revolves around music and continues to help me get through times of difficulty. Through music, I have even gotten closer to God, as much of my playing is done to worship. Being a part of a worship team has even allowed me to form new bonds and relationships with others. Music is a large aspect of my life that has given me many opportunities.

Mateo



- I took this photo to clarify how I live life. I live life by taking a single step each time but with every
- step I have loved ones who guide me along the way, and keep me in check. I strongly value people
- who make impacts on my life or are just most important in my life. In the photograph i have a
- bracelet that if you look inside it is a picture of my grandma, pictures of my mom and dad and my
- closest friends. Living life with loved ones by your side really makes you who you are and makes me
- who i am.