***Photo Essay Project - Photography Unit***

Photographers do not exist simply to take pretty pictures – a photographer’s success is found in his or her ability to tell a story without the use of words. A collection of photographs for the purpose of telling a story is called a photo essay. Many times, photo essays appear in newspapers as photo spreads. A good photo essay includes around 10 photos from many different viewpoints, but all photos are clearly about the same topic.

In groups, you will use what we have been learning about photography composition to create a photo essay of a particular subject or topic at school or in the community. Your topic is just as important as your content, so please take the time to choose a good topic!

Keep in mind that a photo essay can be poignant, humorous, thought provoking, or informative. A good photo essay will always affect the viewer in some way. As you are planning and editing your photos, keep the following questions in mind: First, “What is the story that I am trying to communicate to my viewers?” Second, “How do I want my viewers to be affected by this presentation?” Then, you should plan, edit, and present your photos in order to accomplish that purpose.

**Photo Captions**

In addition to taking and presenting the photographs, for each photo, you should include a photo caption that is correctly written and appropriate for the photo’s topic and photo credits. If your photos correctly address a topic and tell a story, you should not have any problems writing photo captions to go along with them.

**Project Requirements:**

-Work alone or with a partner

-Decide on a topic

-Take photos that correctly use composition rules and communicate a compelling story

-Use a photo editing software to edit/manipulate photos

-Write appropriate and descriptive photo captions

-Use design software to create a newspaper page as a photo spread

This project is worth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Deadlines:**

Have photos taken: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_