

Photo composition: Self-Directed Lesson Handout

As you learn about photo composition through the slideshow, use this handout to take notes and practice.

1. Rule of thirds

Explain how these photos follow the rule of thirds. Be specific. What details draw your eye, and where are they located?

- A.
- B.
- C.

2. Repetition

Examine each of the following photos. Explain what element(s) are repeated in each photo.

- D.
- E.
- F.

3. Angle

Examine the following photo. On your handout, explain which point of view this photo is taken from. How do you know?

- G.

4. Strong subject/filling the frame

Examine each of the following photos. On your handout, explain how each is a good example of strong subject.

- H.
- I.

5. Framing

Examine each of the following photos. On your handout, explain what element(s) work to frame the subject in each photo.

- J.
- K.

6. Leading lines

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Examine each of the following photos. On your handout, explain what element(s) work to create a leading line and where that directs the viewer's eyes.

L.

M.

7. Selective focus

Examine each of the following photos. On your handout, explain how selective focus works to emphasize the subject of each image.

N.

O.

8. Reflection: Why do you think it is important for journalists to understand photo composition rules and techniques? How can that help you decide what to publish?