

Reverse Outline Exercise

Prompt: Write a three-page expository essay informing your reader about a hobby of yours. The essay should be thesis-driven and use appropriate tone and style for an academic essay.

The World of Photography

Photography is a form of documentation that can freeze motion, create snap shots, and capture unforgettable moments that anyone can relate themselves too; it is an art that surrounds us constantly. Photography is a hobby that can be learned through experience and hands on experiments that you can learn to love. For some reason, many people have a first impression of photography as it being complicated, but the reality is that it is not. As soon as you see yourself with a camera in hand every challenge seems to fall into place naturally.

The existence of photography has been around for a long time and it has managed to become an art. It has also shown power through the variety of images that exist in today's society. For instance, a powerful photograph that anyone can recall seeing before is a picture taken by Dorothea Lange of a migrant woman with one child in her arms while another two young boys are leaning against her shoulders one at each side. As the children face away from the camera lens the mother gazes off, looking helpless. This photograph was taken during The Great Depression in 1930 and has been displayed in museums such as The Getty in Los Angeles, Ca. By looking at that photograph we can only predict the hard times people were faced with at the time. Even possibly the suffering and hunger those children might have gone through.

Photographs also informed us of important news that deal with both local and international events that mark our life's and have also impacted us. In particular, when the unforgettable event of what we know as; "9/11" occurred in our country the whole world felt sorrow for the hundreds of people that had their life's taken away. Instantly, when images started

circulating the media of the exact moment two planes hit the Twin Towers in New York the world was in shocked. We often are able to recall the two buildings tumbling down into millions of pieces. Graphic images of the aftermath can be found in any website by typing in the keywords of 9/11. These images can also be easily seen by other generation of people and the contrast of each individual photograph can affect the way someone sees the world. Another example of a memorable photograph would be that of Marilyn Monroe, when photographers captured her; in what became to be her signature pose, as she walked under air vents and her white dress went up unexpectedly. Snap shots were taken of Monroe often as she posed for different magazines in particular one that we can recall is Playboy. And because of her for famous pose many fans have mimicked her white dress, red lips and curly waves as Halloween costumes.

Photography is a hobby you can enjoy it is very useful especially because it keeps you entertained with the endless possibilities that can be done with a camera. You can create powerful images by using traditional film cameras and even digital. Photography gives you the impression of its usefulness it can also ignite anyone to the interesting field of photography. You can document special events, and even go to the extremes to get the right shot.

In a course I took during my sophomore year in high school we were taught that the small view finder usually located in the top corner of a camera, helps focus and compose pictures. It made most of us view the world in different angles when reality came through its artificial lens. We were also given the opportunity to practice in front of mirrors, in public places and with friends that allowed us to capture their images. At the beginning it seemed a bit awkward carrying around a 55mm lens camera, everyone would look towards the direction of the flash. But yet I realized that that was what made me feel like a photographer. Although, I have not yet

been able to create such memorable images such as those of Dorothea Lange and Lauren Amrhein it is still enjoyable to have a hobby that can keep you entertained by simply composing photographs.

In the great words of Irving Penn, “A good photograph is one that communicates a fact, touches the heart, leaves the viewer a changed person for having seen it. It is, in a word, effective.” You can emphasize your work in one area by practicing with any camera, exposure times, and aperture sizes while paying close attention to your subjects’ features good work can be accomplished. To be a photographer you do not have to be photogenic, in order to capture memorable images all you need is an open mind for adventure. Furthermore, I would recommend anyone to take photography into their lives as a hobby or a possible profession. You will eventually end up falling in love with this art. So when are you giving photography a try?