

Beginning Photography – notes

Composition: Taking a good photograph requires that you take care to see how the photo is composed. What is in the background? Can I get a better angle? How can I draw attention to the subject? All of these questions have to do with the composition of the photograph – how you put together all the elements for a beautiful shot.

Rule of Thirds:

- Use a grid that is divided into _____ rectangles.
- People's eyes tend to go toward the _____ of the lines in the grid.
- Generally speaking people's faces should be in the _____ third of the grid.

Framing:

- Every photo has a _____ and a _____.

Visual Cropping:

- Crop photos visually _____ taking them.
- Remove elements that will _____ from the subject.
- The most common mistake people make is _____.

Angle of View:

- _____ with different angles to see the different effects you can achieve.

Balance:

- Achieving good balance requires the correct combination of _____, Shapes, and areas of _____ and dark.

Perspective:

- Use perspective to add interesting elements or a sense of _____ to the photograph.

When you take pictures... Now that you know the basic elements of composing a photograph, think about each of these elements as you compose a picture. It will take practice, although with digital cameras you can experiment with different shots, angles, styles and placement of a subject until you find the picture you like best. Most of all, have fun!