

Photo Critique Guide

What do you write about?

Composition

Elements of Photography: Explain where they are and describe them.

Line	Shape	Movement	Texture
Light	Position	Perspective	

Point of Interest: What is the main subject and is it obvious to the viewer?

Nine-Grid Zone: How does your main subject fit within the nine-zone grid?

Weighting: How is your main subject weighted (top, bottom, middle, side) and what type of affect does that portray?

Balance: Is your photo compositionally balanced? Explain why or why not.

Dynamics: How does the viewer's eye move throughout the photograph?

Snap shot vs. Photograph: Was your photograph well planned? Did you think about the composition when you took the photograph?

Value , Clarity, Color

Value: The range of light tones to medium tones to dark tones (contrast). Describe the level of value in your photograph and if it works for or against the overall look of the photo.

Clarity: Is the photograph correctly focused? Explain.

Color: Do the color choices work for or against the photo? Do you see a specific color harmony being used (Ex: monochromatic, analogous, triadic, complimentary)?

Editing

What editing choices did you make?

Does your editing fit well with the context of the photograph?

Professionalism / Opinions / Extras

Is this a professional looking photograph? In other words.....is the quality professional enough for this photograph to be published or hanging on a gallery wall? Explain why or why not.

What do you like about your photograph? In other words.....what are the good qualities about it?

What do you not like about your photograph? In other words.....what are the poor qualities about it?

Do you wish you would have done anything differently to your photograph?

Do you feel that your photograph represents a high quality solution to the photo shoot assignment? Why or Why not?

Add anything extra you want to tell me about this assignment or photograph.

REQUIRMENTS FOR WRITTEN PHOTO CRITIQUE

You will be completing a written critique based on your set of final photos that you turn in. This will be done for most photo shoot assignment this semester. You must follow the requirements listed below. Please use the attached Photo Critique Guide as a tool for critiquing your photos. This criterion is to be used for each written critique.

1. Write a minimum of a 1 page paper critique. Sentence and paragraph format (no bullets).
2. Must be typed, Arial font, font size of 12, no line spacing, 1 inch maximum border on all sides, no bold type.
3. Put your name at the top of your paper.
4. Correct spelling and grammar.
5. Using the Photo Critique Guide, for each photo, write on the following subjects:
 - Composition
 - Value / Clarity / Color
 - Editing
 - Professionalism / Opinions / Extras
6. I prefer that you write on one photo at a time. Write on photo number one, then photo number two, etc.
7. By following the criteria above as well as covering all information on the Photo Critique Guide, you will earn a higher score than a student that does not follow the criteria above or cover all the information on the Photo Critique Guide.
8. **SAVE** your written photo critiques, by the due date listed on your photo shoot assignment, to the **CLASS FOLDER ON THE SHARED SERVER**. Make sure it goes into the correct assignment folder.