Digital Photography

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- 6. Careers in Digital Photography
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COURSE: Digital Photography I GRADE(S): 10-12

UNIT: Digital Photography: Yesterday and Today

NATIONAL STANDARDS:

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UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- (A) Understand the importance of the historical influences on the photographic innovations of today
- (B) Gain an understanding of the primitive process of creating photographic images
- (C) Adapt an appreciation for the importance of having photography in our everyday lives
- (D) Define the question, "What makes a great image?"

ACTIVITIES:

Students will:

- (A) View the video "150 Years of Photography"
- (B) Complete a questionnaire from the video
- (C) Develop a timeline of important inventors and inventions from the history of photography
- (D) Research an innovator or invention from the last 150 years while writing a paper highlighting the information, to include group discussion and presentation

RESOURCES:

Photographic videos, books, magazines, internet, newspapers and personal exploration

ASSESSMENTS:

- (A) Examples of negative and positive images will exemplify their understanding of how a camera works
- (B) Digital photography quiz

REMEDIATION:

- Discuss the assignment
- Orally assess the mastery of the unit
- Hand written instructions for distinctive processes

- Create a photo journal documenting historical photography
- Research paper on a historical innovation
- Class presentation
- Create a poster exemplifying the subject at hand

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UNIT: The Camera

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UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- (A) Become familiar with the parts and functions of a digital and film based camera
- (B) Gain an understanding of the functions of each camera type
- (C) Gain an understanding of the processes of downloading and uploading of digital images
- (D) Demonstrate digital manipulation through the use of the Photoshop program
- (E) Demonstrate the importance of aperture and shutter speed
- (F) Create digital images

ACTIVITIES:

Students will:

- (A) Create and label a drawing of their camera
- (B) Create an outline of all functions of each camera
- (C) Construct a basic pinhole camera and expose a piece of film to create a photographic negative
- (D) Download images from digital camera
- (E) Review functions of Adobe Photoshop
- (F) Create a digitally manipulated photographic image

RESOURCES:

 Camera (35mm, digital), videos, internet, newspaper, magazines and books

ASSESSMENTS:

- (A) Demonstrate camera parts and functions
- (B) Demonstrate the processes of downloading and uploading of digital images
- (C) Demonstrate understanding of digital manipulation in Photoshop program
- (D) Create final prints exemplifying an understanding of all processes

REMEDIATION:

- Collect examples of 35mm and digital cameras
- Collect examples of digitally manipulated images to better understand the graphic effects
- Create a photo journal to document all processes
- Orally assess the mastery of the unit

- Research paper on camera parts, digital manipulation processes
- Class presentation
- Create a poster exemplifying the subject at hand

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UNIT: Composition

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UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- (A) Discuss the importance of the use of composition guidelines when creating photographs
- (B) Explain and apply the 6 compositional guidelines of photography: Simplicity, Lines, Rule of Thirds, Balance Symmetrical/Asymmetrical, Framing, Mergers
- (C) Demonstrate mastery of composition guidelines in photography
- (D) Gain an understanding of the importance of "What a finished print is..." and "What elements are required for optimum visual appeal"

ACTIVITIES:

Students will:

- (A) Define Compositional Elements and Principles of Design guidelines related to photographic composition. Refer to Kodak Composition Bulletin
- (B) View Kodak video on Composition Guidelines
- (C) Identify and replicate elements and principles from visual resources through the collection of images
- (D) As a group, collect and label visual examples of all elements discussed

RESOURCES:

- Video, magazines, books, internet
- Student samples labeled in notebooks
- Kodak wall chart
- Teacher made sample chart

ASSESSMENTS:

- (A) Composition guidelines quiz
- (B) Use of composition guidelines as applicable for class photo assignments
- (C) Creation of visually appealing images
- (D) Compare and contrast uncomposed images to understand growth in visual perceptions

REMEDIATION:

- Considering the theme of the unit, find photographic samples from one media source
- Create a photo journal exemplifying compositional elements
- Complete compositional worksheet
- Orally assess mastery of the unit

- Research paper on compositional elements and principles of design
- Class presentation
- Create a poster exemplifying the subject at hand

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UNIT: Lighting

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UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- (A) Discuss and explain the use of outdoor lighting and light angles when creating outdoor photos
- (B) Demonstrate the use of basic studio lights when creating an indoor portrait
- (C) Demonstrate the use of an electronic flash unit when creating an indoor portrait: straight, bounced, defused and multiple

ACTIVITIES:

Students will:

- (A) Study and discuss materials on lighting in Exploring Photography
- (B) Demonstrate outdoor lighting techniques
- (C) Listen to a guest speaker on portrait using studio lighting
- (D) Demonstrate electronic flash units
- (E) Discuss types of lighting and trends in lighting
- (F) Discuss Broad, Butterfly, Short and Rembrandt
- (G) Shoot one roll of film utilizing electronic flash unit(s)
- (H) Set up studio lighting and shoot one roll of film indoors
- (I) Set up and shoot one roll of film creating an outdoor portrait using outdoor lighting

RESOURCES:

Studio lights, light meter, cameras, videos, internet, newspaper, magazines and books

ASSESSMENTS:

- (A) Lighting quiz
- (B) Quality photographs consisting of 2 elements: quality light and good composition
- (C) Use of natural and artificial light to create photographic and digital images

REMEDIATION:

- Create a photo journal exemplifying different lighting examples
- Complete lighting worksheets
- View video on lighting and complete worksheet/study sheet
- Complete terminology worksheet related to lighting
- Orally assess mastery of the unit

- Research paper on different lighting techniques
- Class presentation
- Create a poster exemplifying the subject at hand

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UNIT: Lenses

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UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- (A) Gain an understanding of the differences between specific lenses and their functions
- (B) Gain an understanding of the effects of different focal length lenses, including wide angle, normal, telephoto, zoom, fisheye and macro
- (C) Gain an understanding of the effects of different aperture settings and its effect on depth of field

ACTIVITIES:

Students will:

- (A) Complete LENS worksheet explaining differences between specific lens types
- (B) View video "LENS" and complete questions
- (C) Study material on lenses in <u>Exploring</u>
 Photography
- (D) Participate in a group activity discussion using a variety of lenses for 35mm and digital cameras
- (E) Create collages of photographs that were taken with different aperture settings (depth of field) and focal lengths
- (F) Create images using appropriate lenses as available in order to create desired photographic effects for class assignments

RESOURCES:

Lens, video, internet, books, newspapers, magazines

ASSESSMENTS:

- (A) Lens quiz
- (B) Completion of LENS worksheets
- (C) Teacher-made rubric
- (D) Individual and group critique

REMEDIATION:

- Collect photographic samples of specific lens
- Create a photo journal to past images into and write responses defining each lens type
- Orally assess mastery of the unit

- Research paper on different types of lens
- Class presentation
- Create a poster exemplifying the subject at hand

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UNIT: Careers in Digital Photography

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UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- (A) Gain an understanding of several professional photographic careers
- (B) Gain an understanding of the specific elements required to be successful in each career
- (C) Gain an understanding of the significance of each photographic career
- (D) Create images related to a photographic career

ACTIVITIES:

Students will:

- (A) View career presentations by professional photographers related to specific careers
- (B) Attend field trips to professional photographic facilities related to specific careers
- (C) Read and complete worksheets related to the nine areas of professional photography as identified in the textbook entitled: Exploring Photography
- (D) Create a poster and oral presentation based on one of the nine professional photographic careers

RESOURCES:

- Visiting professional photographers
- Internet, newspapers, magazines, books, video

ASSESSMENTS:

- (A) Teacher observation and oral questioning
- (B) Group and individual critique
- (C) Teacher-made rubrics

REMEDIATION:

- Find photographic examples of each professional photographic career
- Create study sheet highlighting terminology related to specific careers
- Reinforce information through oral and visual examples of career choices
- Orally assess mastery of the unit

- Research paper on a specific photographic career
- Class presentation
- Create a poster exemplifying the subject at hand

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UNIT: Connecting Technology with Visual Communications

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UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- (A) Gain an understanding of the significance of how digital technology is integrated into photographic processes
- (B) Gain an understanding of the importance of creating emotional impact
- (C) Discuss the process of incorporating technology with photographic processes
- (D) Gain an understanding of how to download, scan and manipulate their own images

ACTIVITIES:

Students will:

- (A) View a selection of student and published photographs to determine whether they were digital or film images
- (B) Demonstrate Photoshop, negative scanning and downloading images
- (C) Use a digital camera, film negatives and a flat bed scanner to create a magazine cover for a photo journal or favorite magazine
- (D) Create a photo journal reflective of examples relating to technology and visual communication

RESOURCES:

 Photography books, digital photo resource book, visiting artist, newspapers, magazines, photo journals and videos

ASSESSMENTS:

- (D) Teacher observation and oral questioning
- (E) Group and individual critique
- (F) Teacher-made rubrics

REMEDIATION:

- Create worksheets that highlight terminology related to digital technology processes
- Create review sheets that reinforce daily concepts
- Orally assess mastery of the unit

- Research paper on photographic technology and digital manipulation processes
- Class presentation
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UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- (A) Discuss and explain one's individual approach to photography
- (B) Demonstrate mastery by fulfilling the criteria set forth through the unit objectives
- (C) Utilize techniques, equipment and visual skills in a variety of ways to create photographic or digital images
- (D) Show mastery of photographic techniques
- (E) Work towards their own approach of personal style

ACTIVITIES:

Students will:

- (A) Have existing portfolio or collection of work assessed
- (B) Discuss their long and short term goals
- (C) Collect photographs from magazines to create an instant portfolio containing work that he/she likes
- (D) Study and discuss portfolios of accomplished photographers with similar goals and interests
- (E) Stress quality and variety in a portfolio
- (F) Visit web sites of other photographers
- (G) Develop a plan to enable one's own photographic approach to evolve

RESOURCES:

 Videos, magazines, newspapers, internet, books, and visiting artist

ASSESSMENTS:

- (A) Rubric long and short term goals
- (B) Shoot and process film or digital images
- (C) Print photographs
- (D) Prepare photographs for display
- (E) Periodically critique work with the instructor

REMEDIATION:

- Create photo journal exemplifying specific photographic interest
- Complete short and long term rubric
- Orally assess mastery of the unit

- Research paper on specific proposed topics
- Class presentation
- Create a poster exemplifying the subject at hand