

### **INTRO TO PHOTOGRAPHY 101**

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# **Basics of Photography**

- Exposure capturing light
- Composition
- Using Dramatic Angles
- Attention to Details
- Proper Positioning
- Tell a Story
- Image Resolution
- Understanding Equipment
- Be Aware of Your Surroundings





# Photography - Capturing Light

- "Reflected light"
- Position the sun behind you
- Cloudy is often better than sunny (less harsh shadows)





# Let there be light

#### Natural light, no flash



#### Same photo with flash





# Light Control

- Light controlled by aperature opening & shutter speed
- Large aperature (small number) = more light, less
   Depth of Field (focus)
- Slow shutter = more light, more shake/motion
- Higher ISO setting = more light, also more graininess
- It's all about balance and effect





# Composition

"Rule of thirds" – asymmetrical is usually better. Use backgrounds as part of photo



# **Using Dramatic Angles**









# Pay Attention to Details

#### Higher angle shows track



#### Lower angle reduces background





### **Proper Position for Sharper Photos**





#### Tell a Story! "A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words"







### **Image Resolution**

- On-line is low resolution:
   e.g. 888x250 pixels, ~200
   KB file size.
- Print file is high resolution:
  e.g. 3600 x 2400 (12"x8")
  or 4 7 MB file size.
- Set your camera on hi-res jpg setting





# Photo Equipment

- Point & Shoot Cameras & iPad
  - Lower resolution
  - Noisy/grainy at low light
  - Slow response time
- Digital Single Lens Reflex Cameras (DSLR)
  - High resolution
  - Fast response time
  - Better low-light performance
  - Changeable lenses
- Recommendations
  - Canon or Nikon DSLR
  - 24-105 or 28-300 zoom
  - High power flash





### **Be Aware of Your Surroundings**





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Don't block others!Get in, get your shot, and get out.

Be safe!Have someone watch your back.

