

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FENCE!

Welcome to The FENCE, the largest public photo exhibition in North America reaching over 6 million visitors annually through open-air exhibitions in 8 cities: Atlanta (GA), Boston (MA), Brooklyn (NY), Calgary (Canada), Denver (CO), Houston (TX), Sarasota (FL) and Seattle (WA).

The FENCE features a diverse roster of 40 photographers hailing from around the globe. They share stories across 7 thematic categories—Streets, People, Home, Play, Nature, Food, Creatures—which we hope will be engaging for visitors of all ages.

This guide has been created for 5- to 15-year-olds (and 55 and beyond!). It begins with framing questions and vocabulary about photography, followed by discussion questions for each category. We encourage parents, educators and friends to adapt accordingly to age and interest for great conversations around The FENCE.

For more info about the exhibition: www.fence.photoville.com

For additional educational resources: www.unitedphotoindustries.com/education/resources

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UPI EDUCATION RESOURCES

As we present photography from across the globe, we are committed to providing space for visitors of all ages to engage and discuss this work. Please visit our website for a variety of free lesson plans and discussion guides based on United Photo Industries and Photoville projects. We invite parents and teachers to make these resources your own, and to use them to start great conversations about these photographic stories.

https://unitedphotoindustries.com/education/resources





ABOUT UNITED PHOTO INDUSTRIES

United Photo Industries is a New York based non-profit organization that works to promote a wider understanding of and increased access to the art of photography.

Since its founding in 2011, UPI has rapidly solidified its position in the public art landscape by continuing to showcase thought-provoking, challenging, and exceptional photography from across the globe. In its first seven years, UPI has presented the work of more than 2,500 visual artists in gallery exhibitions and public art installations worldwide.

Proudly devoted to cultivating strategic partnerships, creative collaborations, and community spirit, UPI approaches its mission of cultivating a wide, diverse audience for powerful photographic narratives with unrelenting zeal, working closely with photo festivals, city agencies, and other nonprofit organizations across the globe to create new exhibition opportunities—and we are only getting started!

PEOPLE

brothers by Marlena Waldthausen
It's all in my head by Etinosa Yvonne
LAMBA by Miora Rajaonary
Memento by Rachel Wisniewsky
Sin & Salvation in Baptist Town by Matt Eich

Take Me Away by Nicky Hamilton

LOOK AT THE IMAGES IN THIS CATEGORY AND FIND A PERSON WHO COULD BE YOUR FRIEND.

- Look all around this picture. What are they wearing? What else is in the picture? Where was this picture taken?
- What do you recognize? What similarities did you discover between the two of you?

FIND A PERSON WHO YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH, AND WOULD LIKE TO GET TO KNOW.

- Look all around this picture. What objects do you have questions about?
- What differences can you find between the two of you?
- What questions would you ask the person in the picture?

PICK ONE PERSON IN A PICTURE AND DESCRIBE THEIR EXPRESSION. SHARE ABOUT A TIME YOU FELT LIKE THAT.

LOOK AT ALL THE OTHER PHOTOS IN THIS SERIES.

- Who are the others pictured?
- What can you tell about this community from looking at the series as a whole?







CREATURES

A Dog's Life by Alicia Rius
In and Out of the Frame by Joyce Reinertson
Life at the Zoo by Michael George
Meditations by Alice Zilberberg
Mimesis by Jose Snook

FIND AN ANIMAL THAT WAS PHOTOGRAPHED OUTSIDE. THEN, FIND AN ANIMAL THAT WAS PHOTOGRAPHED INSIDE.

DESCRIBE THE ANIMAL'S SURROUNDINGS.

- Is this somewhere you would expect the animal to live? Why or why not?
- Why do you think the photographer chose to photograph the animal in this setting?

DESCRIBE THE ANIMAL'S PERSONALITY.

- What do you think the animal is feeling?
- How does this image make you feel?
- What mood does the image evoke?

IMAGINE THIS IMAGE WITH A PERSON INSTEAD OF A CREATURE.

- How would this change the image?
- Where would you find this image published? In a magazine? In a museum?







FOOD

Cha Chakra: Tea Tales of Bangladesh by Faiham Ebna Sharif

Cravings by Lauren Vied Allen & Victoria Bouloubasis

Farm-to-Camera by Adrien Broom

In situ by Dominic Episcopo

People of the Caribou (Dinjii Naii Vadzaih Haa T'iinch'yaa) by Keri Oberly

The Joy of Cooking by Rachel Bee Porter

SELECT YOUR FAVORITE IMAGE IN THIS SECTION AND DESCRIBE THE COLORS IN THE IMAGE.

- Is it vibrant or dull?
- Is it warm or cool?
- Any other ways you would describe the colors?

DESCRIBE THE FRAMING OF THE IMAGE.

- What is in the frame?
- What do you imagine is left outside the frame?

DESCRIBE HOW THE FOOD IS DISPLAYED.

What steps do you think the photographer took to set up this shot?

BASED ON YOUR OBSERVATIONS, WOULD YOU WANT TO EAT THIS FOOD? WHY OR WHY NOT?







HOME

Home Sweet Home by Francis Meslet

House of Cards by William Widmer

LGBT in China by Raul Ariano

Paradise Lost by Adriana Loureiro Fernandez

This is my Home by Lee Tsz Wah

We are not visitors here by Amber Bracken

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND THINK ABOUT YOUR HOME.

- How do you feel when you are at home?
- What do you do at home?
- How does your home reflect your personality?
- What makes your home special?

SELECT AN IMAGE AND DESCRIBE THE HOME THAT IS PICTURED. LOOK ALL AROUND THE FRAME.

- What details do you notice?
- What do they tell you about the person who this home belongs to?







NATURE

Artificial Glaciers by Ciril Jazbec

Changing Perspectives: Chile by Jamey Stillings

Midnight in the Garden by Anna Beeke

Mysterious Photos from the Forest of Brazil by Antonio Pedro Schubert

Painting-like by Magali Chesnel

Saving Orangutans by Alain Schroeder

PICK AN IMAGE AND IMAGINE STEPPING INTO IT...

- What would it feel like? Would it be soft or hard? Name all the textures you see.
- What would it smell like?
- Would it be hot or cold?

DO YOU SEE ANYTHING MAN-MADE IN THE IMAGE?

What do you think is its purpose?

DO YOU SEE ANY PEOPLE IN THE IMAGE?

What do you think their relationship to nature is?







PLAY

Alterations by Heather Evans Smith

House of Glory by José A. Alvarado Jr.

Hutterites Playing by Tim Smith

Playtime by Joannie Lafrenière

The Keepers of the Lane by Jake Belcher

Two Worlds, Same Energy by Lloyd Foster

PHOTOGRAPHERS MUST BE PATIENT AND TAKE MANY PHOTOS BEFORE SELECTING THE FINAL ONE TO SHARE. THEY WANT TO CAPTURE A "DECISIVE MOMENT," ONE THAT CAPTURES A SPECIAL MOMENT OR EMOTION.

LOOK AT A FEW PHOTOS IN THIS SERIES. DESCRIBE THE MOMENT THAT IS CAPTURED.

- Is it an action?
- Is it an emotion?

DESCRIBE THE STORY OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THIS SERIES.

- Think about what may have happened before this shot.
- Think about what might happen after.







STREETS

Frenetic City by Zhou Hanshun

No Surrender: The Protestants by Ed Kashi

Our Neighborhood by Robin Michals

The Changing Landscape of American Retail by Jesse Rieser

The Lowriders: From Detroit to LA and Back by Erik Paul Howard

BROWSE THE SERIES IN THIS SECTION AND JOT DOWN ALL THE ACTIVITIES YOU SEE HAPPENING IN THE STREETS.

PICK ONE IMAGE. HOW DO YOU THINK THE SCENE WOULD CHANGE...

- ... if it was photographed in the middle of the night rather than daytime?
- ... in the winter rather than summer?
- ... over the weekend rather than on a weekday?

WHY DO YOU THINK THE PHOTOGRAPHER CHOSE THIS SPECIFIC TIME TO TAKE THE PHOTOGRAPH?

What do you think their relationship to nature is?

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND THINK OF A BUSY STREET OR PLACE YOU VISIT. WHEN WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO PHOTOGRAPH IT?

- In the summer or winter?
- During the morning or evening?
- During the daytime or evening?







RELATED LESSON PLAN:
A Lens into Our Community

ASK YOURSELF

NOTICE THE DETAILS: Who and what do you see in the image?

Where and when do you think the image was taken?

WHAT'S THE STORY? What do you think is happening in the photo?

HOW DOES IT LOOK? What photo techniques stand out in the image?

(color/angle/lighting)

WHAT DO YOU FEEL? How does this image make you feel?

Where do you think it was published? Who is the audience?

CONSIDER THE CONTEXT: Why do you think this image was taken?

Where do you think it was published? Who is the audience?

PHOTO VOCAB

ASSIGNMENT: A story or situation that a photographer is sent to cover

EXHIBITION: A public display of artwork, such as in a museum or Photoville!

SUBJECT: The person or topic depicted in a photograph or story

CAPTION: A concise description of a photo, includes the 5Ws

(who, what, where, when, why)

ARTIST STATEMENT: A description of a photographer's purpose or approach

TECHNIQUES

COLOR: The use of monochrome (black & white) or a spectrum of

colors (dull, vibrant, etc.) to create mood, focus, and emphasis

in an image

LIGHT: The use of shadows and highlights to create mood, focus,

and emphasis

PORTRAIT: An image that represents a person or group of people

LANDSCAPE: A picture of a space or location, often with a wide perspective

DETAIL SHOT: An image that focuses on a specific, close-up object

ACTION SHOT: A photograph of something or someone in motion.

FRAMING: The arrangement and inclusion/exclusion of different objects

and elements in a photo

PERSPECTIVE: The position from which a photo is taken (above, below, etc.)

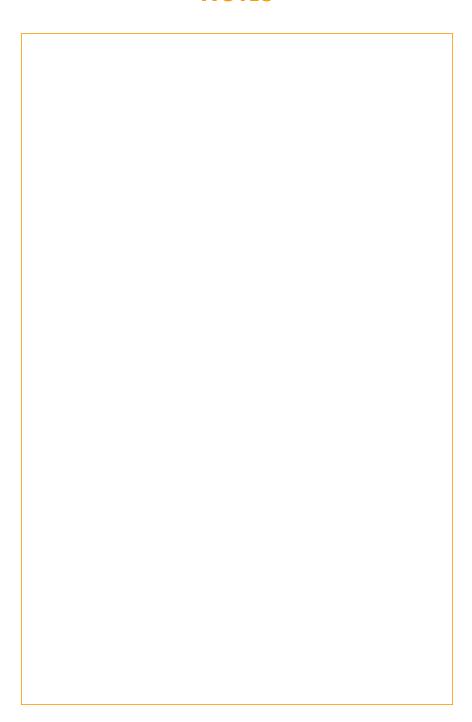








NOTES



SCAVENGER HUNT

SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE OF THE FENCE!

FIND THE FOLLOWING AND TAKE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WITH IT.
TAG #THEFENCE8

FIND A PHOTO:
 □ That matches what you're wearing □ That was taken in your hometown □ That makes you laugh □ That makes you sad □ That you have questions about □ That shows a community which is similar to yours.
NOTICE THE DETAILS. ZOOM IN AND FIND THESE ELEMENTS:
☐ Circles ☐ Windows ☐ Eyeballs ☐ Reflections ☐ Stripes

TAKE A PORTRAIT:

Take a portrait with your favorite person on The FENCE and tell us why you chose them!



