

Topics in Social Science--Freshman Religion--First Semester
“Developing a Christian World View”

Unit One Developing Critical Readers/Reading Images and Advertisements

Lesson 02 “What a PhotoJournalist Sees”

Name:

Hour:

“Lesson 01 demonstrated how pictures tell stories and how we read those stories. Lesson 02 concentrates on the “author” responsible for those stories/pictures: the photojournalist. In a split second, the photojournalist makes a decision to take a photograph that can tell a story for a lifetime.

Let’s look at what a photojournalist sees when he or she takes a picture and what elements make a photograph special.

World Wisdom:

James Allen Walker is a photojournalist with *World Magazine*. He’s taken thousands of pictures over the course of his career, but this is one of his favorites.

“Choosing one photo that I’ve made as my favorite is not an easy task. One reason is most of the images I make for WORLD Magazine are often very similar. More often than not I make a portrait of someone I’ve just met for the first time. Getting to know that person becomes part of the task of illustrating them for the magazine story. However, in the case of this shot I made the person that I’m illustrating and I’m introducing him to the rest of the world! He’s my son, Ethan at six months old. It becomes plain why it happens to be my favorite photo, but let me expound.

I didn’t make this portrait for the purpose of a magazine cover. That came later. I’ve been photographing Ethan since minutes after my wife, Beth gave birth to him. So, for me the picture is one example of a whole body of work and it has become about me being a dad. It’s also about sharing my life with this little person whom I adore. It’s also about sharing this treasured title with many other men who have children. All of whom execute the responsibilities in their own imperfect way. It’s been a life changing experience through which God has taught me many lessons, and He’s made me aware of myself and how much I need Him to be a good dad. He shows me



everyday how I need to change my habits, and choose carefully every word in order to be a standard for Ethan. What a precious gift."

----James Allen Walker

Now it is your turn:

1. In the space below, list what you liked or disliked about James Allen Walker's picture.

Likes...

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

Dislikes...

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

2. Do the following...

- a.** Check out your "Photos" on your iPad or on your FaceBook page and find one that hold special meaning for you.
- b.** Copy and paste this picture in the space below.
- c.** In 25 words describe the picture.
- d.** Finally, in 25 words share why this picture is important to you.

e. The rest of the class would like to see your picture and hear why you chose it. Go to the iMovie app and create a digital movie of your picture and its explanation. View the tutorial that follows as to how to create your movie and how to turn it in.

1) Here is an example of the project to view and to get an idea of what it is all about.

<http://youtu.be/ryjBmx-kPYc>

2) Here is a tutorial of how to use iMovie and how to accomplish your project.

<http://youtu.be/ZjyXwJNqFcE>

f. When your project is completed then email it to me with your classes email address.

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2) 3rdhourfreshmanfavoritephoto@clhscadets.com

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