

Guidelines for Reviewing a Photography Exhibition

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Description

Look at what other artists are doing!

The work we do in our classroom does not take place in a vacuum. There are working artists in our community doing just what you are doing for our course—using technical knowledge and personal experience to give creative expression to a view of the world. Your assignment is to visit an exhibition and report on what you saw and learned.

Review format

Bring along a notebook so you can record your impressions while you are there. When seeing the exhibition, please use the format below to produce a thoughtful and informative review.

1. General Information:

Include the name of the show/artist, name and location of gallery or museum, dates the show will be on exhibit, and the date you visited the show.

2. Describe the Show:

Give a brief, general description of the artist's work, the subject matter, medium, style, techniques, and any relevant information about the artist's life or philosophy.

3. Discuss the Work:

Discuss your opinions of the work; be descriptive and specific. Defend/explain/support your views by citing examples from the work.

4. Analyze One Image:

Describe and critique one image you feel strongly about. Talk about the meaning and expressive quality of the work, the technique used to create it, and its relationship to the rest of the show. Discuss how it is different from your work or similar to it.