



College Photography

11-12th/College Photo “Decisive Moments”

April 15th, 2020



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Lesson: April 15th Day 3
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Objective/Learning Target:

To better understand what a Decisive Moment is in Photography before proceeding to the project. Watch the power point and notice the visual examples.

***Dual Credit students the ppt will be on Google Classroom in a recording

Bell Ringer: Can you think of a Decisive Moment photograph you may have taken but didn't know it had this meaning?

Task 1: View the powerpoint slides, paying attention to the visual examples (photo credit all Karen Campbell)

Task 2: Can you think of a Decisive Moment photograph you may have taken but didn't know it had this meaning? Look through your camera roll/album to see if any past pictures show a decisive moment whether you realized it or not.

Task 3: If you are able (optional), look up photo images by Henri Cartier-Bresson to see if you notice what might be his decisive moment photographs. Link:

[Henri Cartier-Bresson](#)

The Decisive Moment

Henri Cartier-Bresson was founder of modern photojournalism and the
Decisive Moment

What is the decisive Moment?

- This moment occurs when the visual and psychological elements of people in a real life scene spontaneously and briefly come together in perfect resonance to express the essence of the situation.
- How would this work for a landscape or nature scene??

Street Photography Decisive Moment



Random Decisive Moment



Decisive moment vs Posed



Landscape/Nature Decisive Moment



It's all about scouting for light/clouds etc.

