



Self-Guided Activity

Infinite Inspiration from Art & Artists - Hiroshi Sugimoto

Capturing Memories Through Photography

ArtCenter Extension Studies

We invite you to..

Explore how light and composition can transform everyday objects or places into meaningful photographs. You will **select a memorable object or location, use light and structure creatively, and capture a photograph** that tells a story or evokes emotion. The goal is only to develop your photography skills but also create a visual representation of something meaningful to you.

Have fun and let your memories guide your lens!



LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand the role of light and structure in creating compelling photographs.
- Develop skills in composition, framing, and storytelling through photography.
- Reflect on personal memories and translate them into visual art.



WHILE WATCHING THE TUTORIAL

Ask yourself the questions below:

- Is understanding history and existence important?
- Does the use of light and structure enhance the impact of the artist's photograph?
- What techniques or fundamental concepts were used in the artist's photography?
- How can a photograph tell a story or evoke emotions?

Instructions





INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1 - Decide Your Subject

Select a memorable object or place that holds personal significance.

This could be an object that represents a cherished memory or a place that evokes strong emotions or memories.

Step 2 - Plan Your Photograph

Consider the mood or story you want to communicate through your photograph and how you can achieve it through use of light and structure to highlight and convey its significance.

Think about:

- The direction and quality of light (natural, artificial, soft, harsh).
- The composition and framing of your shot (e.g., rule of thirds, leading lines, symmetry).

Step 3 - Capture Your Photograph

Using a camera or smartphone, take multiple shots of your subject, experimenting with different angles, lighting, and compositions. Focus on:

- Using light to create depth, contrast, or mood.
- Structuring your shot to draw attention to the subject and tell a story.
- Capturing the essence of why this object or place is meaningful to you.

Step 4 - Edit Your Work

Select your best photograph and edit it to enhance its impact (e.g., adjusting brightness, contrast, or cropping) using various software like **Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom**.

Once the final deliverable is ready, reflect on what this activity taught you about photography and self-expression.

Wonderful Job!

We can't wait to see the outcome.
Don't forget to showcase your work in your portfolio!