

Cumulative Project: Elements of Design Slideshow

Student Instructions: Grade 8

For this final project, you will be creating a gallery slideshow of your best photographs from the Focus on Nature Online course on the Elements of Design. Your gallery slideshow should include a minimum of 2 images to a maximum of 5 images per slide. Once your gallery show is complete you will choose one of the questions below and either develop an oral presentation or essay to reflect on your course experience.

Follow the steps below to create your slideshow:

1. Go through all of the images you took and edited from the Focus on Nature Online course, and select the images that best represent your best work. When choosing images think about the theme or Element of Design you would like to highlight.
2. Think critically about how you might improve your images. You are welcome to take more photos and edit them to include in your gallery slideshow if you wish.
3. Using Google Slides (or another preferred program), create a slideshow of your best images with at least 2 images per slide (5 maximum per slide). Make sure to identify a common theme or element between grouped images.
4. Answer one of the reflections questions below in either an oral presentation format or essay format. Your teacher will provide guidance on which method is appropriate for this assignment.

Reflection question one:

- The Elements of Design provide a guiding framework for all art forms. Review your gallery slideshow and explain how each element is displayed in your images. Explain how you may use these guiding elements in future artworks and how they have altered your perspective when evaluating an image or art piece.

Reflection question two:

- Nature provides photographers with an endless amount of subjects. How can you use your images to show your audience a new perspective and promote environmental stewardship? Explain how you will take the skills learned from the Element of Design course to aid in protecting your local environment.

Use these prompts to help answer your reflection question of choice:

- **Line:** What types of lines are present in your photo(s)? Explain how these lines create impact in your photograph(s)?
- **Shape:** What shapes are present in your photo(s) and how did you make the shapes stand out from the background?
- **Form:** What techniques did you use to capture the form in your photos? Explain how you used these techniques to emphasize form.
- **Space:** What is the main subject of your photo(s), and how does the space compliment or detract from the subject?
- **Texture:** What adjectives describe the textures in your photos?
- **Tone:** Does your photo have a large or small tonal range? Explain why you think so using specific examples
- **Colour:** Describe the colours in your photo using the 3 qualities of colour (hue, brightness, and saturation).

Slideshow Checklist:

- Title slide including:
 - The title of your gallery slideshow (you may choose to theme the gallery)
 - Your name
 - The date
- 7 to 10 slides with 2 to 5 images per slide.
 - Slides should identify the Element of Design or theme
 - Slides can be themed (black and white, all one subject, insect images, wildlife images, etc.)
- A final Gallery slide
 - Name
 - Thank you

You may review the gallery slideshow provided by Focus on Nature to use as an example.