

Forms of Art Photography

All photographs are made with a camera. In many ways, a camera works like a human eye. Like the eye, it takes in rays of light **reflected**¹ from an object. It then focuses the rays into an image. Older cameras record the image on film. Newer digital cameras record the image on an electronic storage device such as a memory card. Once the image is permanent, it can be seen and enjoyed by many people.

The photographic process for older cameras has five steps to it: (1) Finding a subject; (2) Focusing on the subject; (3) Exposing the film; (4) Developing the film; and (5) Making the print. Many **professional**² photographers, people who take pictures for a living, do all five steps themselves. They use a room called a darkroom. It's "dark" so that light doesn't ruin the **negatives**³.

Photography makes our lives richer in many ways. Through photographs we can learn about other parts of the world. We can see how people live today. We can also see how people lived in the mid 1800's, around the time when the camera was invented. Special cameras can capture images in places most human beings can't go, like the moon. But, best of all, photographs remind us of the special people in our lives. Millions of people the world over use cameras to take pictures of their family, friends, and special celebrations. For them, the photographs they take are priceless.

¹ **reflected** – turned or thrown back.

² **professional** – someone who gets paid to do their work

³ **negatives** - photographic film used to make prints.

Name: _____

Date: _____

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 - a. a focus camera.
 - b. a point and click camera.
 - c. a video camera.
 - d. a digital camera.

3. What must you do immediately before you make a photographic print?
 - a. Focus on your subject
 - b. Find a subject
 - c. Expose your film
 - d. Develop your film

4. The author uses a list of five steps to show the photographic process because he
 - a. wants to make it harder to understand.
 - b. likes to use numbers.
 - c. wants to make it easier to understand.
 - d. wants to rush the steps.

5. The passage "Photography" is mostly about
 - a. famous photographers and the photographs they took
 - b. the many ways that people are able to photograph the moon
 - c. all of the ways a camera is similar to the human eye
 - d. how to make photographs, and the role they play in our lives

6. How has photography enriched your life?

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- c. then
- d. instead

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(do) What? _____

Where? _____

10. Vocabulary Word: professional: relating to a person’s work – especially work that requires special training .

Use the vocabulary word in a sentence: _____

Teacher Guide and Answers

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 800

Featured Text Structure: Descriptive – the writer explains, defines or illustrates a concept or topic

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Suggested answer: Answers will vary but may include that photographs have helped the student learn about new people and places, to learn about what is happening in the world, or to remember fun times they had with their friends and family.

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Suggested answer: The camera was invented in the mid 1800s.
[paragraph 3]

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