

## **Photovoice Assignment #1 - 10%**

You will use the medium of photography to create a piece of evidence or a symbolic representation around a theme to offer insight, teach others about your experiences, and to help other see the world through your eyes.

Take and select 3 photos that reflect one of the following themes. The photos should explore the themes from a mainstream perspective, an Indigenous perspective, or could highlight a dialogue/relationship between the two world views.

- Community
- Identity
- Family & friends
- Relationships to the land
- Creation
- Traditions
- Government/Authority
- Learning
- Food
- Environment
- Indigenous ways of knowing and doing
- Other theme of your choice (outline theme in your description)

Each photo will be titled. You will then create a voiceover or a written caption to each of the three photos. This information can be shared through a word document, weebly, prezi, or by attached file to an email. Descriptions can also be delivered verbally, either to the class or individually to the instructors. The descriptions will be roughly 200 words/90-120 seconds recorded, and will answer the following three items:

- 1) A description of what/who is in the photo
- 2) What is happening in the photo?
- 3) How does this relate to the chosen theme(s)?
- 4) Does this speak to the mental, spiritual, physical, or emotional state, or a combination of them?

### **Assignment Checklist**

- 3 photos
- Title for each photo
- Written/audio description of the photo
- Answer to all of the 4 questions above

## EXAMPLE

### Hockey Night at Home



This is a photo of my son and I watching hockey on my laptop. He wasn't sleeping and his dad was away at a trade show and I was sick (you can see my hot water bottle in the photo.) We spent time watching hockey together even though it was past his bedtime. Getting to stay up late made it extra-special for him. He is resting on my foot as we watch the opening ceremonies.

The theme of this photo is Family. My son and I have a special bond and I am having a lot of fun passing traditions and knowledge on to him. This photo was taken on my grandfather's birthday, and he was the one who passed along to us the love of "Hockey Night" and the Toronto Maple Leafs, so the photo holds that additional significance.

This photo is very holistic as it speaks to each of the four states: it is emotional because of the special bond we share; physical because having my son around was good medicine when I was sick and because children benefit from the closeness of their loved ones; mental because of the learning he does while we are watching hockey; and spiritual because of the wellbeing brought by sharing these experiences between the generations.

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**Rubric - 10%**

	Criteria				Points
	Level 4 9-10 points	Level 3 6-8 points	Emerging 3-5 points	Limited 1-3 points	
<b>Title</b>	Title is captivating, relevant, and reflects the theme of the photo.	Title is catchy, relevant, and for the most part reflects the theme of the photo.	Assignment has been labelled with a title.	The photos have not been titled.	
<b>Description</b>	Adheres to the word limit recommendations and presents a succinct and thoughtful articulate description of what the photo expresses.	Adheres to the word limit recommendations and presents a fairly detailed description of what the photo expresses.	Is widely over/under word limit recommendations and presents a basic description of what the photo expresses.	Does not follow the word limit recommendations and the description of what the photo expresses is not clear.	
<b>Design &amp; Layout</b>	Photos are presented in a highly organized or attractive layout, including all elements in the assignment checklist.	Photos are presented well. Layout is organized or attractive and includes all elements in the assignment checklist.	Photos are presented; some thought has been put into layout and includes all/most elements in the assignment checklist.	Photo and written work submitted without attention given to the layout and design.	
					<b>Total 10%</b>