Southern Cayuga Central School District – Curriculum Map

Subject: Photography

School Year: 2023-2024

Title or Topics	Essential Questions &	Content Skills	Major Assessments	Time Frame
w/ NYS Standards	Vocabulary	(Activities to cover Essential Questions)	(Tests, Project, etc.)	
-Basic Photoshop Use Standards 1, 2, 3 -Yearbook Photography Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,	How are computers used to creat images. Principles of Design: -Value -Contrast -Unity How can photography be used to reflect a culture or	 -Use of Photoshop to import images. -Use of Photoshop to adjust images. -Create creative pictures with Photoshop, using found and imported images. -Learn basic ideas of composition. -Learn types of photography (portraits, documentary location, etc.) 	 -4 finished digital images via Photoshop to reflect various specific ideas. Primary Standard: Use of Photoshop technology. -Collection of photographs based on ideas for Yearbbok 	1 week 2 weeks
8, 9, 10, 11	place? Principles of Design: -Value -Contrast -Unity -Movement -Color -Texture	documentary, location, etc.) -Learn basic photographic techniques -Learn basic Photoshop photographic adjustments (color balance, contrast, etc.)	Photography. -Self-evaluation/critique. Primary Standard: Use of principles of design in photography.	
-Line and Pattern Photography Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	How does one use the concept of line and pattern to create interesting images? -Rhythm -Shape -Space -Contrast -Repetition	 -Examine work of well known photographers (Strand, Stieglitz, Evans) -Discuss use of line and pattern as a focus for an image. -Use of space, negative space, pattern, rhythm, repetition. 	-Collection of photographs based on emphasizing line and pattern in image. -Self-evaluation/critique. Primary Standard: Artistic aspects of a visual medium.	2 weeks
-Portrait Photography Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	What makes a good portrait photograph? Principles of Design: -Value -Contrast -Color	-Examine photographic portraits and well known portrait photographers (Arbus, Cunningham). -Discuss photographic composition and arranging images (Rule of Thirds,	-Collection of photographs based on portrait of single person, combined with illuminating text (lyrics, poem) to create interesting unified artwork.	2 week

	-Unity -Movement -Balance	Dynamic Symmetry, movement, balance, etc.) -Examine use of text in combination with photos. -More Photoshop skillsaddition of text, filters, color manipulation.	Primary Standard: Esploration of ideas of composition.	
-Photographic Retouching Standards 1, 2, 3	How can technology be used to maximize our ability to create excellent images?	-Information on Photoshop based retouching tools (Clone Stamp, Spot Healing Brush, Patch).	-Collection of retouched photos; students all presented with same three unretouched images that need to be fixed using Photoshop tools. Primary Standard: Technology for maximizing our ability to make effective art.	1 week
-Documentary Photography Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	How can photography be used to record and document a place or activity? Principles of Design: -Value -Contrast -Unity -Movement -Color -Texture	 -Examination documentary photography and well known documentary photographers (Evans, Lange, Arbus). -Discussion of how to take documentary photographs (as opposed to portraits, etc.) -Integration of composition. -Integration of information 	-Collection of documentary photographs, including descriptive text. -Class presentation of documentary subject. -Self Evaluation/critique Primary Standard: Use of photography to document, telling a story through a visual medium.	2 weeks
-Photographer Research I Standards 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	What makes someone a good or successful photographer?	-Research on famous photographer of note, based on a list provided (Arbus, Cunningham, Strand, Evans, Lange, Sherman, Stieglitz, Man Ray, Adams, etc.), looking into context of their work, impact on society, etc.	-Group (2-3 students) presenation on photographer, focusing on their life, era, context, and a specific photograph. Primary Standard: Art history/history of Phorography and reflection.	A few days

-Photographic Lighting	How can lighting effect and	-Examination of specific use of lighting in	-Collection of photographs	2 weeks
Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,	change a photograph?	photography to create dramatic or	based on specific lighting	2 WEEKS
8, 9	Principles of Design:	interesting effects.	instruction.	
0, 5	-Color	-Use of lighting to control what is in an	-Self-evaluation/critique	
	-Value	image.		
	-Contrast	-Use of shadows and chirascuro.	Primary Standard: Use of	
			lighting in photography.	
-Self Portrait Photography	How can a photographer	-Examination of well known self portrait	-Collection of photographs	2 weeks
Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,	create compelling images	photographers (Sherman, Friedlander).	based on self portraiture.	
8, 9, 10, 11	out of themselves as subjects?	-Discussion of photographic techniques to take self portraits.	-Self-evaluation/critique.	
	Principles of Design: -Value -Contrast	-Discussion of various types and styles of self portraits.	Primary Standard: Creating compelling images through the self portrait.	
	-Unity -Movement		the sen portfait.	
	-Color			
	-Texture			
-Photographic Pattern Grid	How can photographs be	-Discussion of using photographs to	-Single 4x4 grid of	1 week
Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,	used to create a regular	create grid of similar shapes found in the	photographs based on	
8, 9	pattern design.	world.	repetition of a single shape.	
	Principles of Design: -Value	-Discussion of use of Photoshop to create such a grid.	-Self Evaluation/critique	
	-Contrast		Primary Standard: Use of	
	-Unity		principles of design in	
	-Rhythm		photography.	
	-Color			
	-Texture			
-Photographer Research II	What makes a photograph	-Examination of and research of various	-Essay covering biography,	-Multiple
Standards 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	interesting?	famous photographers from a list provided (Arbus, Cunningham, Strand,	history, and analysis of a single photograph by chosen	weeks.
		Evans, Lange, Sherman, Stieglitz, Adams). -Critique and discussion of a single	photographer.	
		photograph by chosen photographer.	Primary Standard: Primary Standard: Art history/history	

			of Phorography and reflection.	
-Final Portfolio Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	How does one assemble a portfolio to showcase one's work?	-Discussion of assembling a comprehensive portfolio, showcasing work for the semester. -Assembling, self analysis, presentation, critique.	-Collection of photographs chosen displayed via portfolio website. -Self evaluation/critique -Class presentation	-1 week
			Primary Standard: Presentation and self reflection of work.	