

# A Guide for Looking at Photographs

Information sheet A4
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- **WHAT DO YOU SEE?**  
Describe the lines, shapes, tones and textures in this photograph.  
Can you see people, animals, objects, or plants?
  
- **HOW IS IT ALL PUT TOGETHER?**  
What tone, shape, or object catches your eye first?  
Is anything repeated?  
How are things connected?  
Do some shapes appear closer to you than others?  
Is it a vertical image or a horizontal one?
  
- **WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**  
What if you found yourself inside this photograph - what would you hear, smell, feel?  
Is the photograph telling you a story, giving you a feeling, or sharing an idea?  
If you could ask the photographer one question about this work, what would it be?
  
- **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**  
What do you like about this photograph?  
Would you change anything?  
Do you want to learn more about this photographer and his work?  
What makes this a successful (or unsuccessful) image?