

Grades: 5-7 | **Lesson:** Visual Arts, Photography



Objectives

To compose a photograph using leading lines. To understand that leading lines are an element of design that help draw the viewer to a specific point in the frame such as a vanishing point in the background. To understand that leading lines can be organic (like the veins of a leaf) or man-made (like the columns of a building).

Materials



Vocabulary:
background
composition
depth
vanishing point

Steps

1

Create

Take a photograph of something that uses leading lines to draw the viewer to a specific point in your composition.

2

Explore

What do you need to do as a photographer to create a picture that uses the technique of leading lines?

3

Reflect

How do the leading lines you used for your photograph lead the viewer to a specific area in your photo? What are you trying to communicate to the viewer?

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Teacher Prompts

How do leading lines attract attention to your subject or object? How can you use leading lines in your photos to add motion, or depth to your composition? How does your photo represent the way you see the world?

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Student Challenge

Pretend that your photo is the cover of your first novel. Using your photo as inspiration, write the first two sentences of your novel.

