

Photography 101

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Photography is a visual medium and you have to look at a log of photographs to become a better photographer. This process is time-consuming, and clearly cannot be done in a single classroom sitting. I strongly recommend that you review the “Best-Of” materials that I've gathered from around the web, and revisit them as you learn more about taking great pictures. Becoming a better photographer is a contemplative and iterative process. You have to read materials which describe particular photographic methods, look at examples of great photographs and think about how the concepts you've read about apply to those photographs, then try to relate those concepts and approaches to your pictures.

Here's a “best-of” collection of photography articles, tutorials and photographic archives gathered from around the web.



*Dorothea Lange: Resettlement Administration
Photographer in California: 1936*

20 Rules of Photo Composition (And Why They Work)

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2012/04/12/10-rules-of-photo-composition-and-why-they-work/>

An Introduction to Documentary Photography in America

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/mse/photos/intro.html>

Basic Photography for Mass Media (Open Courseware) as taught by Russ Collins at North Dakota State University

<http://www.ndsu.edu/pubweb/~rcollins/242photojournalism/photoj.html>

Digital Photography Lighting Methods For Dummies

<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/photography-video/digital-photography/using-the-camera/shooting/lighting-methods.html>

Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Online Catalog

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/>

New York City Department of Records Photo Gallery

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/gallery/home.shtml>

Time-Life Photograph Collection

<http://life.time.com/>