

World Geography: Human Patterns and Interactions

Unit 1 – Major Evaluation

A Moment in Time and Space: applying geographic principles to photojournalism

It is often said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Any image is only worth a thousand words if you stop and think about what you're looking at and ask pertinent questions about what you're looking at. In this assignment you will explore the geographic context in which a photograph has been captured.

What You're Doing

Your task is to select one image at the World Press Photo Exhibit (field trip, October 5) and produce a photo essay, in PowerPoint, that explains the geographic context of the photograph. In other words, you are using other photographs, maps, and/or graphics to tell the story of the circumstances and events that results in the photograph you've selected.

To tell the story of your image you need to address not only *who, what, when, where* and *why*, but in addition, you must apply the five key themes of human geography, and any additional geographic concepts you think are represented and/or manifested in the image.

Above all, pick a photograph that you like, that appeals to, that you are drawn to, that interests you, or that disturbs you. The images on display cover a wide range of topics from news and current events, to sports, arts and entertainment and the environment. Remember that all images will have its own specific geography and so almost no image is off-limits.

What You're Producing

Produce a PowerPoint slide show (photo essay) for the photograph you select.

Your slide show will illustrate the story behind the photograph. How and what you decide is necessary to convey the story of the photograph is up to you. At minimum, the slide show should include:

- the actual image or a description of the photograph;
- the general category of human geography you think the photograph relates to (religion, geopolitics, migration, urbanization, culture, environment, health, globalization – see textbook for more information);
- images that illustrate the geographic context of your selected photograph:
 - Location;

- Place;
- Human/Environment Interaction;
- Movement; and
- Region
- maps, graphs, statistics, and minimal text to help tell the story of your photograph
- a brief analysis of the photograph. e.g. Is there a dominant geographic theme or concept associated with your image? Why do you feel the photograph is significant?

In addition, at least two other geographic concepts (scale, distribution, density, diffusion, boundaries) must be addressed to explain the geography of the photograph.

Slide show requirements

The slide show should be approximately 10 slides, including the photograph you've selected. Text on each slide should be kept to a minimum (no more than 30 words). The additional images, maps, graphs, etc... should tell the story.

The slide show you produce must be professional in nature. The organization of your ideas and content must be logical and flow smoothly. The slide show should be attractive and creatively put together. Model your slide show on the examples covered in class and on the internet links below:

<http://www.time.com/time/photoessays>

<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/multimedia/index.html>

What you do once you've selected an image

Once you have selected an image you will be required to research the context of the photograph. Your research will reveal the story of the photograph. Sources of research should include books, newspapers, magazine, media websites, and blogs. Research should be gathered from a variety of places, so that you are confident you are presenting the fullest possible story in your slide show. As part of the process work for this assignment you will be required to submit a summary of 5 resources. (see Process Work for content requirements).

Process Work Evaluation (15marks)

The process work must include an APA citation for each resource and a summary (7-10 sentences) explaining the geographic information contained in the resource. 1 mark will be given for each resource citation. 4 marks will be given for the summary of each resource. The 4 marks will be assigned on the following basis: the quality and depth of the geographic context provided (e.g. does the information address the assignment requirements), and the quality of writing (grammar, spelling).

Deadlines

Process work due: October 12

Slide Show (as a burnt CD-rom) due: October 22

Slide Show and Presentation Evaluation

Name: _____

	<i>Level 4 (80-100%)</i>	<i>Level 3 (70-79%)</i>	<i>Level 2 (60-69%)</i>	<i>Level 1 (50-59%)</i>
Concept application Demonstrates superior clarity in setting the geographic context of the selected photograph (20)	Shows deep understanding of all geographic concepts as they relate to photograph; selection of appropriate images, maps and graphs clearly communicates the story of the image	Shows significant understanding of all geographic concepts as they relate to photograph; selection of appropriate images, maps and graphs communicates the story of the image	Shows some understanding of all geographic concepts as they relate to photograph; selection of images, maps and graphs communicates the story of the image with some degree of clarity	Shows limited understanding of all geographic concepts as they relate to photograph; selection of images, maps and graphs poorly communicates the story of the image with minimal clarity
Image analysis Addresses the significance of the selected image (5)	The significance of the photograph in geographic terms is articulated with a high degree of clarity and insight	The significance of the photograph in geographic terms is articulated with a significant degree of clarity and insight	The significance of the photograph in geographic terms is articulated with some clarity and insight	The significance of the photograph in geographic terms is articulated with a limited degree of clarity and insight
Overall Quality: professional presentation and organization; and, appropriate use of Power Point (5)	The slide show is prepared with superior attention to detail, and satisfies all assignment requirements	The slide show is prepared with considerable attention to detail, and satisfies most assignment requirements	The slide show is prepared with some attention to detail, and satisfies some assignment requirements	The slide show is prepared with limited attention to detail, and satisfies few assignment requirements

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