**ENGLISH 20-1**

**EXPRESSING IDEAS VISUALLY**

Photo Essays are stories told through pictures. Photo Essays can express universal themes just as

stories can. You can make a statement about something you believe in through a series of pictures. A

photo essay should have a thesis. It should have something important to say. Your essay should

express a significant idea and your pictures should be carefully chosen. The point should be

expressed as a thesis statement on a title page and can be supported by using a caption for each

picture

**SAMPLES OF PHOTO ESSAYS**

• Look at several photo essays on the internet.

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

• You can also Google “photo essays” and you will see many examples.

• Look at the examples I have posted for you.

• Look at the Visual Literacy PowerPoint I have posted for you.

**FOCUS FOR YOUR PHOTO ESSAY**

Principles: a personal basis of conduct that reflects your commitment to right conduct.

You are to create a photo essay that expresses your commitment to a principle.

* to have moral courage
* to be honest
* to be respectful of human life
* a belief in the basic dignity of mankind
* to be compassionate
* to be motivated by righteous beliefs
* to be loyal
* to promote peace
* to be honourable in one’s actions
* to fulfill one’s duty
* to be inclusive in one’s actions
* to act with integrity
* to forgive
* to keep promises
* to act in a fair and just manner

**Example:**

To write a thesis about **self-respect**:

In the face of our current financial prosperity it is shocking that so many live without

dignity. As we seek the good life we need to realize that self-respect will only come with fair and just treatment of the dispossessed in society.