



LIGHT AND LENS

Due Date: _____

EXERCISE 2.5 PERSONAL SYMBOL INTERPRETATION

Objectives

Read about symbols and some of their possible meanings; add your own symbols to the lists provided. Consider how Western culture defines these symbols and how other cultures might interpret them differently. Discuss some of the symbols with a member of an older generation to see how the meaning may have shifted over time.

Procedure and Requirements

Choose some of your favorite pictures (made by you or someone else) and make a list of the symbols you discover in these images. Write a description that decodes their meaning for others to ponder. Then

visit an open-source image website, such as www.flickr.com, searching under “visual symbol,” or look for tags (keywords or categories that imagemakers use to label the content of their images), which identify areas of symbolism that interest you.

Submit

Consistent with your photographic eye, create three 8 × 10-inch or larger images that explore your vision using symbols. The primary objective is to symbolize your photographic vision and try to tell a story with symbols that have more than one meaning.

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