

### **Handout 19.1.** The Digital Photo Essay

[This handout related to an assignment used in a specific class, Contemporary World Literature.]

#### **Digital Photo Essay**

- How does oppression affect the human spirit?
- What causes conflict between cultures?
- Why does change create conflict?
- What characteristics of love span time and place?
- What qualities of relationships are universal?

In the last ten weeks, we have read and viewed contemporary works from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. We have discussed and written about the themes. We also have examined the channels or texts through which we communicate our stories, ideas, and passions and how those affect the message. It is now your turn to take what you have learned to formulate a message about which you feel strongly, and to communicate it in the contemporary format of a digital photo essay.

#### **Finding a Focus**

Consider the questions listed above that guided our work. What did you learn about each from the selections we read and viewed? What did you learn from discussions with others? What understandings did you already have on these questions and how did you develop them?

Consider which of the themes and selections read/viewed create the strongest image in your mind. Stay with you. Make you think in a different way. Evoke a strong emotion from you.

Now take your thoughts and create a slide show to music that reveals one of these questions as a universal theme. Show how it applies to many cultures from around the world. For example, you might choose to represent the theme of parent–child relationships and show parents and children of all ages from all parts of the world. You might show the conflicts between old and new societies. You might consider one of several themes related to oppression such as rebellion, injustice, courage, or resilience. You might also consider a larger theme such as how relationships are integral to the human experience.

## **Expectations**

- Your slide show must be at least 2 minutes with a minimum of 30 slides.
- The music must fit the theme. You must have the actual CD, not a download. You may use more than one song.
- You may use iMovie or PowerPoint. PowerPoint has a greater variety of transitions and text options but is not as effective if you want to use more than one music selection.
- Refer to the scoring guide developed in class for more expectations.

## **Timeline**

You will have four class days and four computer lab days to work on this. You may also need to complete the work at home or come in before or after school to work in the classroom or in the library. The due date is \_\_\_\_\_.