



Five-day lesson plan for Walsworth's 2014 Photo Contest

To learn more about photography, your students need to study photos – lots and lots of photos. They also need to take lots and lots of photos. Walsworth's Photo Contest is the perfect venue to motivate them, because they can enter their really good photos in the contest for a chance to win a prize.

Use the more than 2,500 photos submitted in the 2013 Photo Contest as examples. Find them at [facebook.com/yearbooks](https://www.facebook.com/yearbooks).

These five days' worth of lessons will give your students practice in improving their photography, for themselves and for their yearbook, while working on their skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.

Lesson 1 —

Know your camera

- **Objective:** To help students learn how to use the manual controls of a camera so they can make adjustments to get the best images.
- **Activity:** Photo Scavenger Hunt

Lesson 2 —

What makes a good photo?

- **Objective:** To help students learn about some of the rules that good photos follow.
- **Activity:** Follow the rules

Lesson 3 —

What have you done?

- **Objective:** To get students to practice taking photos to improve their photo skills, and learn more about photography by critiquing their photos.
- **Activity:** Take two

Lesson 4 —

Taking a closer look

- **Objective:** To get students to practice taking photos to improve their photo skills, and learn more about photography by critiquing their photos.
- **Activity:** Take three

Lesson 5 —

Selecting the best image

- **Objective:** To get students to practice taking photos to improve their photo skills, and learn more about photography by critiquing their photos, with the goal of getting a photo good enough for publishing in the yearbook and submitting to the Photo Contest.
- **Activity:** Using your photo