

Day #12, Activity #12

Photos of our Lives: Part II: Writing about Photographs

"Taking pictures is like tiptoeing into the kitchen late at night and stealing Oreo cookies."

—Diane Arbus, photographer

Six Writing Ideas:

Now that you have taken a number of photographs, go through them and choose the one's that stand out to you for one reason or another: This could be 5 or 10 or more. Order and organize them beginning with your favorite to your least favorite.

—Write a few sentences about each one, describing why it stood out for you, what you like about it or don't like about it, where you took it, who is in it, what they are doing and anything else you want to mention.

—Line up the photographs and write one word to go with each. That one word could be a feeling that it suggests for you or the name of the person or the place where you took it.

—Create a headline or title to go with each photograph.

—Write a caption about what just happened before you took the photograph.

—Choose ten photos you took and write a short story using all of them in one way or another.

—What do these pictures represent to you? Write a paragraph introducing your photographs as if they were to be represented in a gallery. You might write about why you took them and what decisions you made for each photograph and how they come together to create a unified whole.