## 4 Step Process to a Photo (Art) Criticism



1. **DESCRIBE** – What do you see? Describe the image in detail as if reporting it to someone who can't see it. Be as objective as possible. Do not add your own opinion to the description. Keep it factual and true.

2. ANALYZE- Think about the image in terms of the elements and principles of art. Write about any of the elements and principles that are used in the image to

make it interesting, or unique.

<u>ELEMENTS-</u> Line, Colour, Value, Texture, Space, Form, Shape <u>PRINCIPLES</u>- Emphasis, Balance, Contrast, Unity, Pattern, Movement, Rhythm

- **3. INTREPRETATION** Write about what you think the photographer is trying to communicate. Eg/ mood, feeling, message, or topic.
- JUDGEMENT Write your opinion of the work. Is it successful? Do you like it or not? Explain your detail using photographic vocabulary to support your opinion.

