

SHOOTING ASSIGNMENT – WORKING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT



The environment has been a major concern for at least the past 50 years. Our main reason for concern is the impact of our consumerist lifestyles on the environment. We are living in a critical time of history because if we do not try to consciously preserve our environment, it will deteriorate to the point where it will no longer be capable of sustaining human life.

When you think of the environment, try to think of all the elements that can be categorized as part of that word—nature, wildlife, air quality, clean water, and land. All of these areas are impacted by our actions of daily living. Our energy, fuel, and water consumption are things that we use daily that have a great impact on the environment. Our plastic waste on a daily basis today, is far greater than it was only a few decades ago. The City of Toronto produces so much waste that they have to transport their garbage to the Michigan for disposal. How much waste are we creating?

Have you ever considered where all that garbage goes? Into landfills; the ground that sustains us.

We live in one of the filthiest cities in Canada. We have a metal scrapyards in the centre of our city. We live downwind from the River Rouge Power Plant and industrial village which emits large concentrations of sulfur dioxide, soot, heavy metals and nitrogen oxides. We, as concerned citizens, should not only be



aware of what is going on in and around our community, but also how these pollutants affect our environment and our quality of life.



This week we are going to examine the environment in which we live as our shooting assignment. Your goal is to capture the essence of our environment- good or bad. Think of images that come to mind when you think of environment and environmental issues. Is there anything you would like to change? How can you communicate that need for change visually? What ideas can you come up with that would best suit this assignment? Do you want to communicate a hopeful message? Perhaps you choose to capture some of the effects pollution has already had on our community. Whatever aspect of the environment you wish to capture is fine, as long as you commit to the theme of “Working with the Environment.”

You may edit your image by using Photoshop however you see fit. If there is a technique you would like to use, but do not know how, please let me know and I will show you how to create that effect.

Two of the best images will be submitted to the “Working with the Environment” Art Show and Silent Auction. These photographs will be displayed at Devonshire Mall and Mackenzie Hall. Students whose work is chosen will be asked to attend a reception for the show. There is a chance of earning a cash prize for winning photographs.

Good luck!