What is a photo essay?

- A carefully arranged sequence of visual images (possibly with captions) that tell a story or communicate a main idea
- Telling a story with a number of feature photographs – that are NOT time sensitive.

Photo Essay

From 6/26:
1. Create a story
2. Create DEPTH of the story
Capture the historical and the emotional components
Everything in the photo should have meaning
You don’t have to show everything to show something

What makes a photo essay powerful?

- Utilizing feature photos: photos that stress human interest
- Choosing a specific subject or theme and shooting in-depth—over several days, weeks or months.
- They alter conventional perceptions
- Unification of photos – the same story, not necessarily the same tone or emotion

Examples

- G. J. McCarthy, photojournalist for the Columbia Daily Tribune – Columbia, Missouri
- Paul Shambrook
- Allison V. Smith
- Tosh Brown

- Former Student Examples
  - Montague Boot Company
  - The Flower

Montague Boot Company

by Randi McBroom
The Flower
by Casey Nutter
Your Assignment

• Create 3 photo essays
• One essay must be from Washington on the Brazos
• Each essay must have at least 5 pictures
• You must have a minimum of 30 pictures for the assignment.
• Save each essay as an individual folder on your disk.
• Each essay must have an original subject or theme.
• Essays are due Thursday, July 6 by 4:00 p.m.
Announcements

• We DO NOT have class tomorrow
• We DO NOT have class on Monday, July 3
• Wednesday, July 5 meet at the rusty bridge on Highway 21 going toward Caldwell at 7:00 p.m.
• Bring your camera equipment and a tripod (if you have one).