

## **Photography Summer Independent Learning**



**You will be soon joining the A Level Photography course and in preparation for this we would like you to complete a small photoshoot based around the idea of 'Growth and Decay'**

### **Task 1: Set up a Google Slides Presentation**

Set up a Google Slides Presentation (<https://www.google.co.uk/slides/about/>), This is where you will record the project and how you will share it with your teacher in September. You will need to register for a Google account to do this if you do not already have one.

*This should only take a minute.*

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### **Task 2: Pinterest inspiration**

When starting a new project, it is always important to gather ideas and inspiration. Use this activity to begin to consider what types of photography *you* personally like and what you could photograph.

1. Follow this weblink <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/monomoth/photo-growth-and-decay/>
2. Look at the Pinterest board. It includes a broad range of photographers and artists. Consider which images you are drawn to.
3. Create a Pinterest account (if you don't already have one).
4. Create a new board with the title 'Growth and Decay'.
5. 'Pin' at least 20 images that you find interesting/inspiring to your new board. When you click on a pin you will also start to see 'related pins' that you may wish to use.
6. Include the link to your Pinterest board in your Google slides.

*You should spend around 1 hour on this.*

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### **Task 3 - Image analysis**

Helpful link of established photographers:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1grd1UoKiUQ46ZtxeDI9KwDXTx3lrwkKVKVf3d-H8mi8/edit?usp=sharing>

1. Select 1 image that particularly appeals to you.
2. Really study the image and take time to look at it in detail.
3. Try to find out who took the photograph and write this down.

Now write a minimum of 1 paragraph (minimum of 200 words) in response to this image and make sure you include the **name of the photographer** and the title of the work.

When writing your paragraph you should try to answer the following questions:

- -Who took the photograph?
- -What is the picture of?
- -What is your attention drawn to in the image?
- -What reaction do you have to the image?
- -What do you find particularly interesting about the image?
- -What could the image mean/what could it be about?
- -What ideas has it given you for photographs that you would like to create?
- *Add this into your Google Slides Presentation. (Any problems with this just handwrite it instead)*

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### **Task 4 – Take a series of photographs**

**Take a series of photographs inspired by the work from task 2 and 3.** You can use a camera if you have one at home, but if not your phone camera will do fine. We are more interested in seeing your images than knowing what you have taken them with.

- Look at task 2 and 3 for ideas first
- Take a wide range of images (30-50 as a minimum)
- Select your 10 favourite photographs.

· If you would like to have a go at editing your images we work with Adobe Photoshop here at NCLT, however if you do not have access to these programmes, see the list of apps below which can be used from your smartphone.

*Smartphone Photo Editing Apps: Snapseed, A Color Story, VSCO, Mastin Labs, Huji, Lomograph, Enlight, Afterlight 2.*

- *Put these images into your Google Slides Presentation*
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### **Task 5 - History of Photography**

It will be helpful to know a brief background of photography before you embark on your own projects.

1. Follow this weblink: <https://ed.ted.com/on/2XTqY1YG#watch>
  2. Watch the video and then attempt to answer the questions on the website.
  3. Make sure you enter your full name on the website so that we know who you are and who has completed the task. This task should take between 30 mins - 1 hour to complete.
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### **Checklist:**

Due the first week of college.

- Pinterest Board of ideas
- Image Analysis
- Photoshoot

Ideally you will record all this in Google Slides however where this is not possible written work will be accepted please ensure work is titled correctly and has your name attached clearly.

We encourage all students to type up their work on the computer if possible.

You will be directed in the first week of college on who to send your Google Slides project to and how.

We can't wait to see what you come up with. Good luck.