

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

The basis of quality portrait photography is a combination of well-mastered technique, work with light and, last but not least, work with the portrait subject.



STUDIO PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

- Studio lights: soft boxes, directional light, snoot, gels
 1 light vs multiple lights
- How to choose a backdrop
- Different angles points and lighting positions evoke different psychological states.



DOCUMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

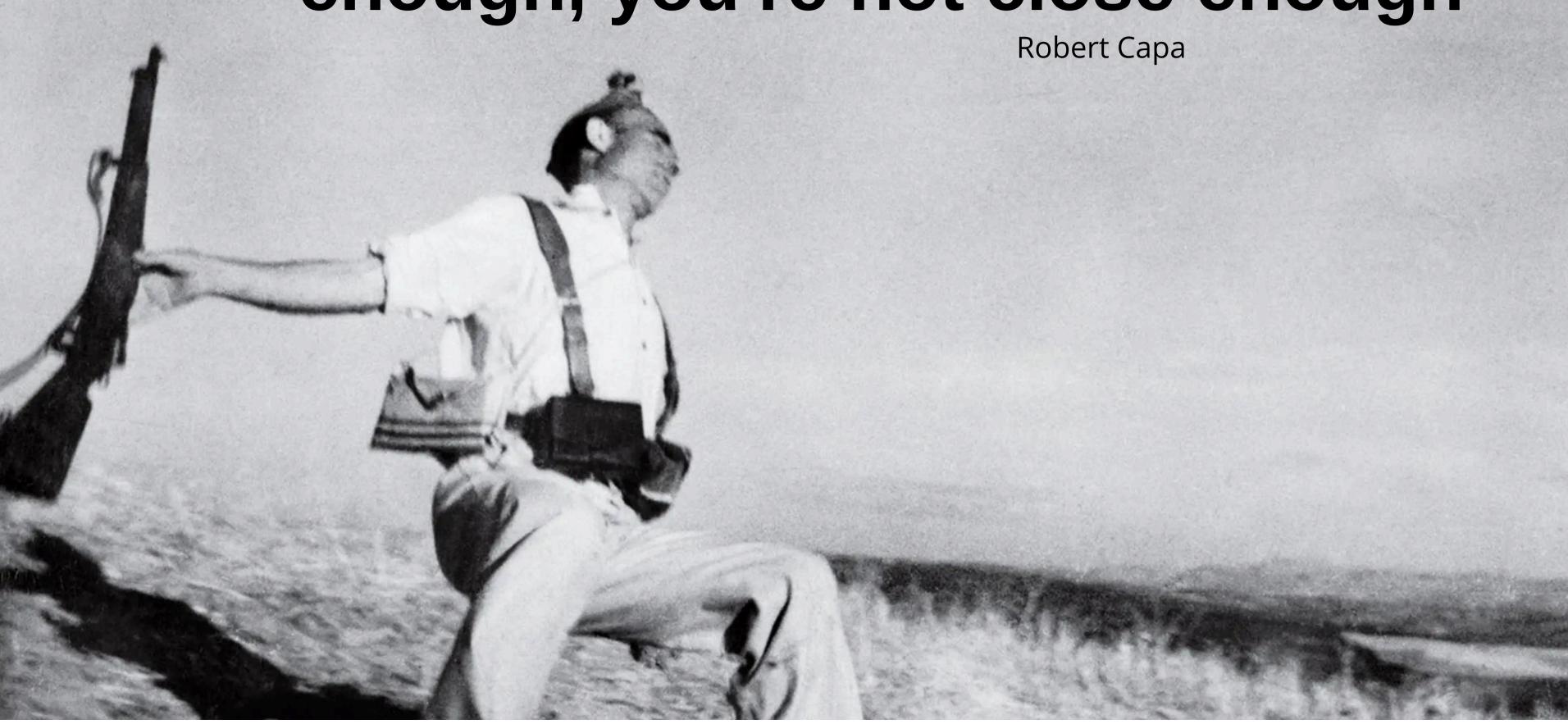
ACTION

Documentary photography requires fast handling of the camera and quick choice making.

Fast reaction to freeze a moment, to catch a fleeting moment



"If your pictures aren't good enough, you're not close enough"



Back to the beginning

...just for a while...

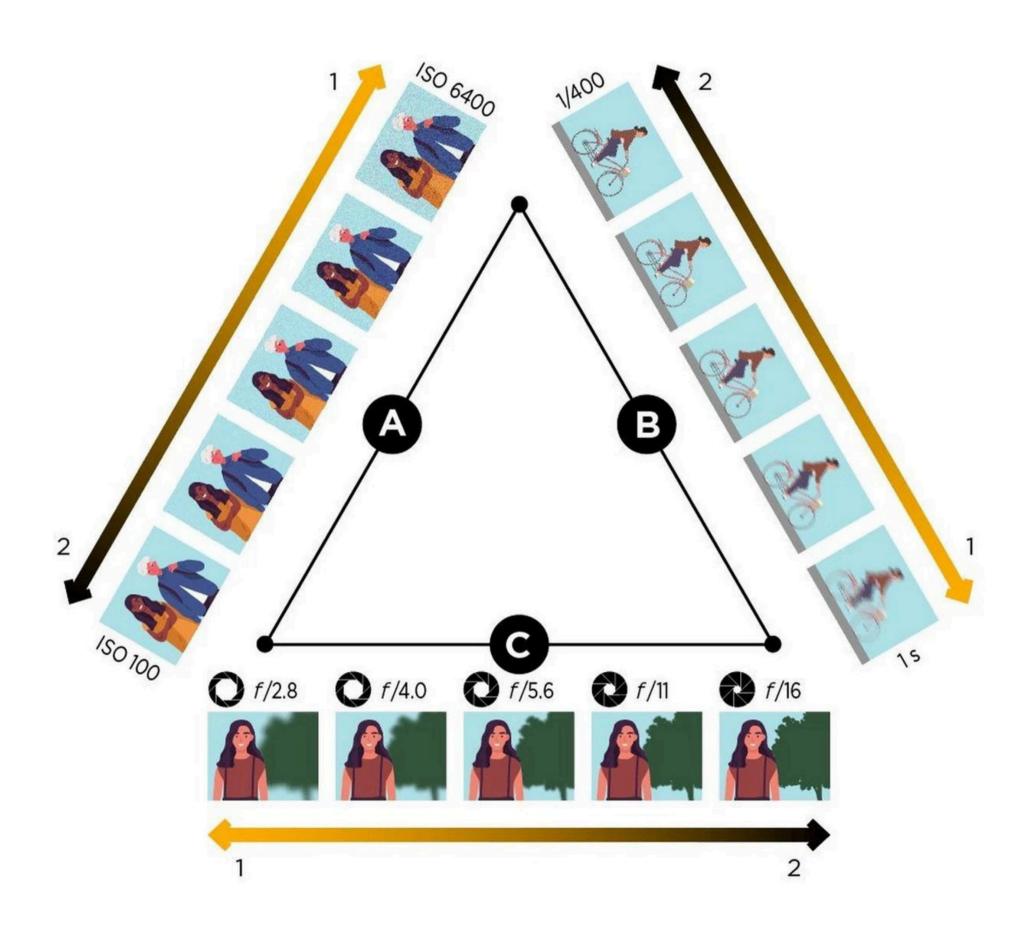
What is:

- Aperture
- Shutter speed

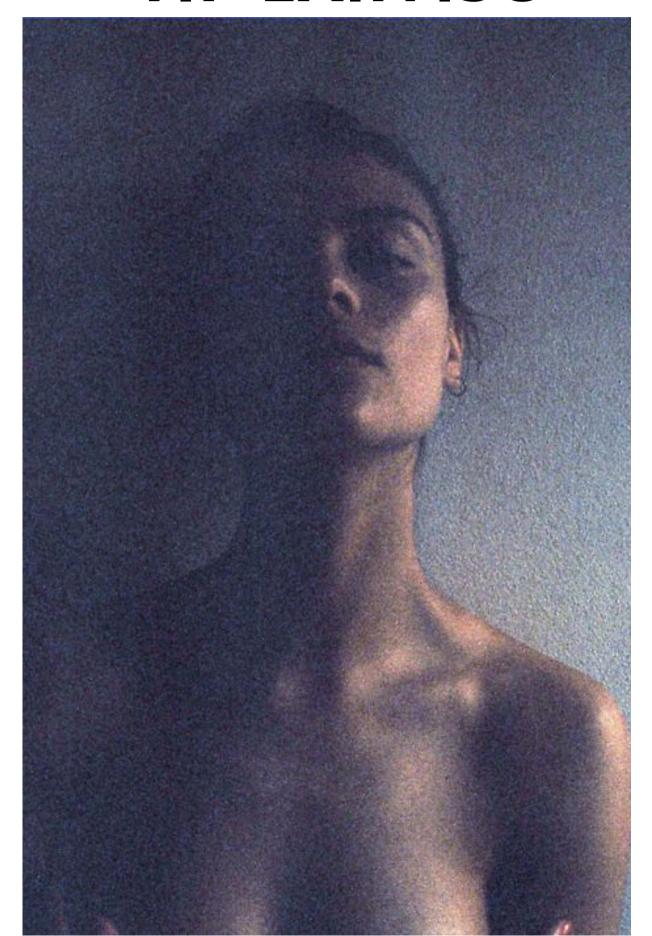
how these parameters are affected to each other



EXPOSURE TRIANGLE



TIP EXIF/ISO



TIP EXIF/SHUTTER SPEED



TIP EXIF/APERTURE









TIP EXIF/APERTURE











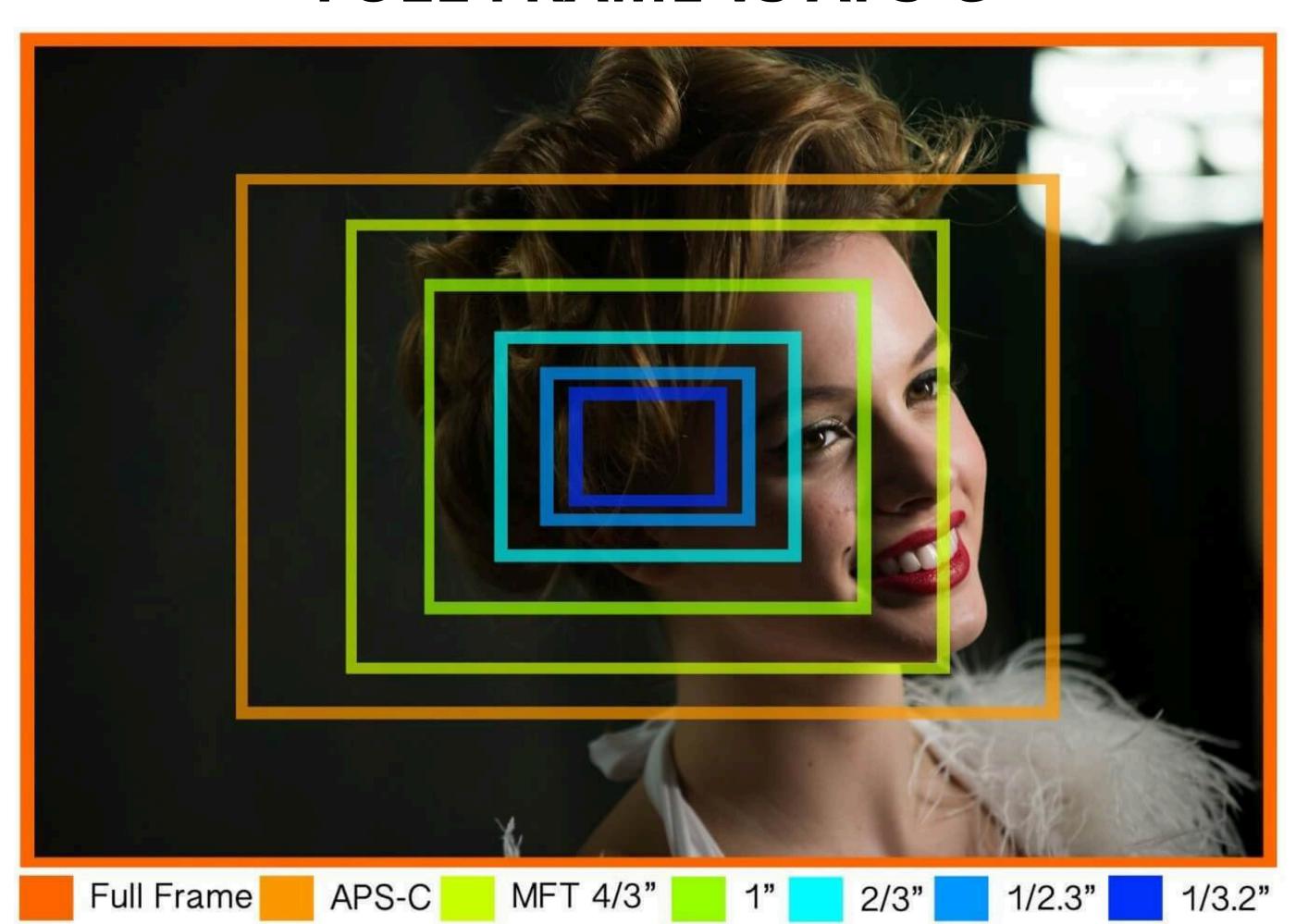
Lets start talk about technique

Which lens are for portrait?

Which setting for portrait?

What is essence for good portrait?

FULL FRAME vs APS-C



I like the intimate situation, so it always has to be forward. When you use a long glass, you get away from the situation, you are not there and it shows. I always had 28 millimeters



Antonín Kratochvíl

Basic rules, dont afraid breake the rules

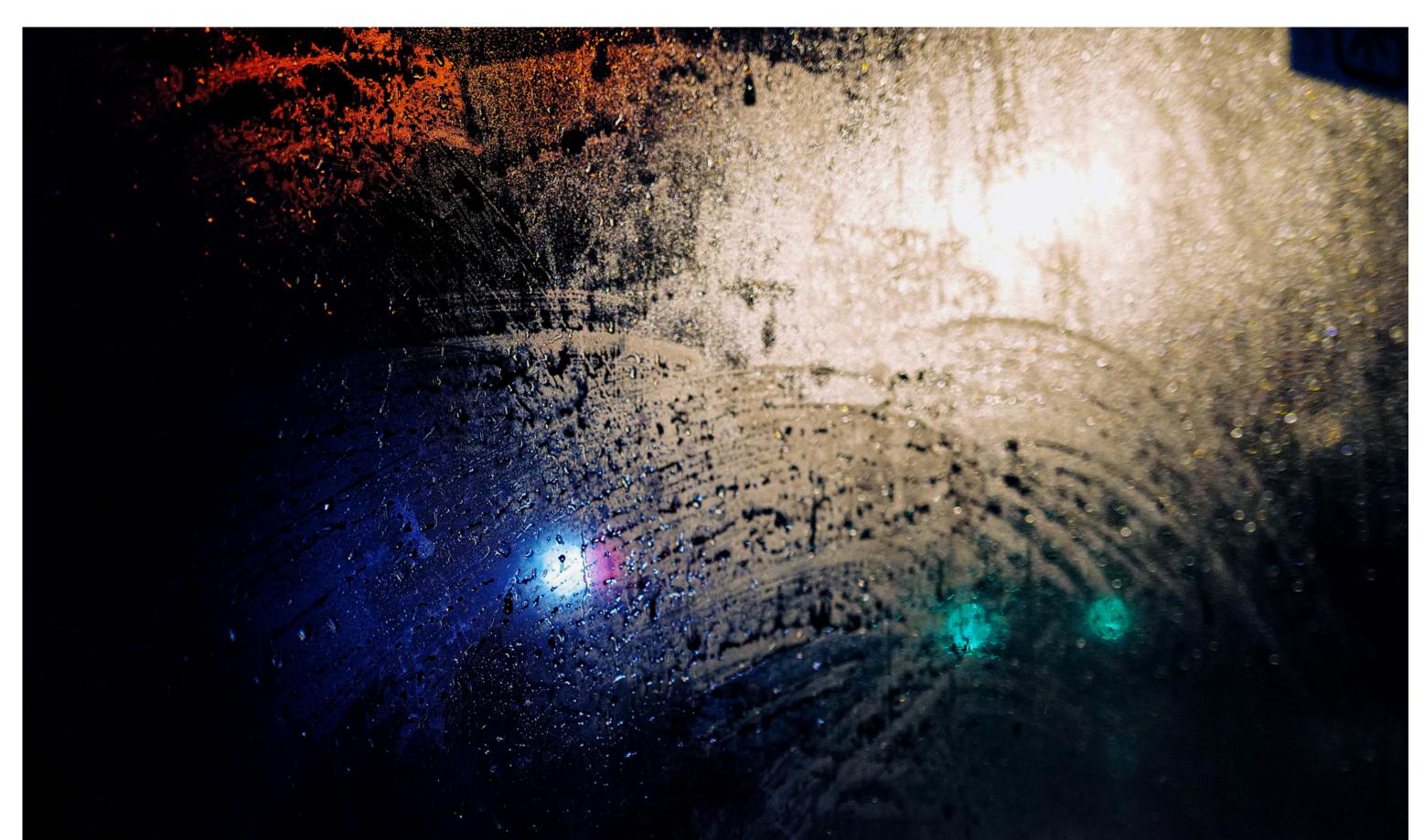


Shutter speed min. 1/125

Use min. aperture to f8

50-3200 ISO

What is bokeh...?



LENS Zoom lens - 18-55mm, 24-70mm etc

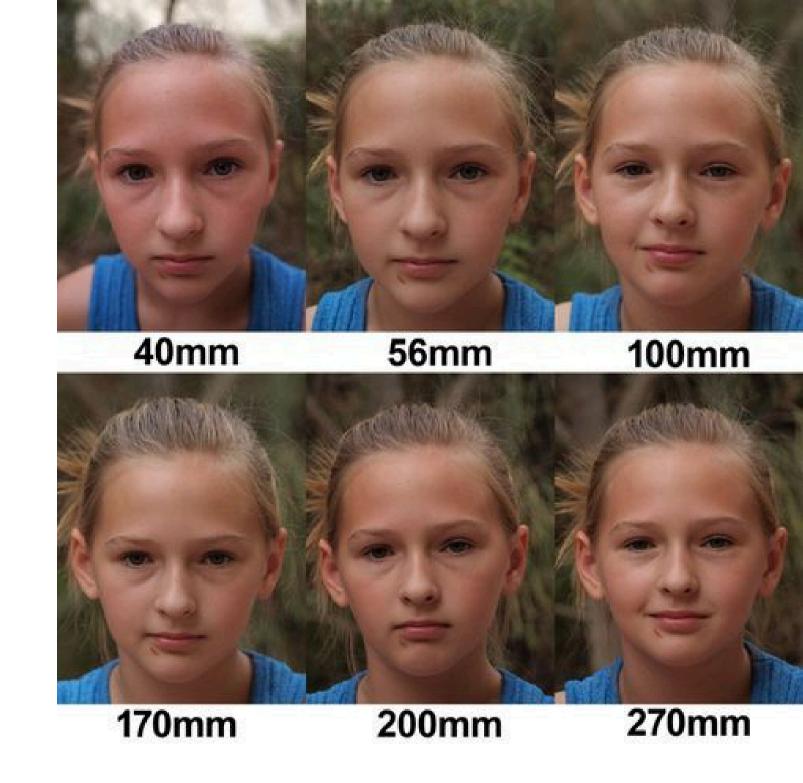
Zoom lenses have variable focal lengths which make them versatile.

Prime lens - 24mm, 50mm, 85mm etc

Prime lenses have large max apertures, present few structural complications, and are the top choice for many portrait photographers – but they have a fixed focal length.

The basic focal length for a portrait starts at 35mm and ends at 105mm

Don't be afraid to try different lenses in your creation



You can make a great portrait with any lens if you know what you want to photograph and what your intention is.



REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE THE MODULE

PLEASE DO NOT MISS MORE THEN TWO CLASSES PER SEMESTR

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT 3 PHOTOGRAPHY ASSIGMENTS* IN THE PDF FORMAT (explained in the next slide) and individual photographs jpgs

pdf naming

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PHOTOGRAPHY ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



PDF FORMAT + JPG FORMAT

PDF guidelines

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pdf structure

Title / name of the author, name of the assignment, name of the module

Text / Description of your creative process, inspirations, references etc.

Font + layout / Font and layout choice is up to you

*Pls don't forget to include page numbering

* Have fun with it! Description can be: haiku, image captions, joke...surprise us!

JPG guidelines

The size of the individual JPGs should be under 7MB
Photos used in the pdf will be submitted as jpgs with following title:

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Further exploration of photography

Ability to think in complex series

Ability to explain creative process in words

Ability to produce finished work

Graphic design layout practise

Understanding natural and artificial light, colours and shadows to utilize in 2D and 3D environments

Identification of specific problems for dissertation thesis



Assignment 1



Portrait with natural light

Work in couples- one photographer, one model, each takes turn Submit 3-5 images

Find natural light around the FI building

Submitting the images to IS:

- 1. Size of the individual JPGs under 5MB
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Don't forget!

-portrait photography is not only about face/body - it can be detail on eye, hand etc.

-use backlight

-use shadows

-dont afraid to experiment



Rinko Kawauchi

Assignment 2 People parts

Work in groups of 3 to create 3 images with 3 parts each Use three different aperture on each shot!

Find natural light around the FI building

or

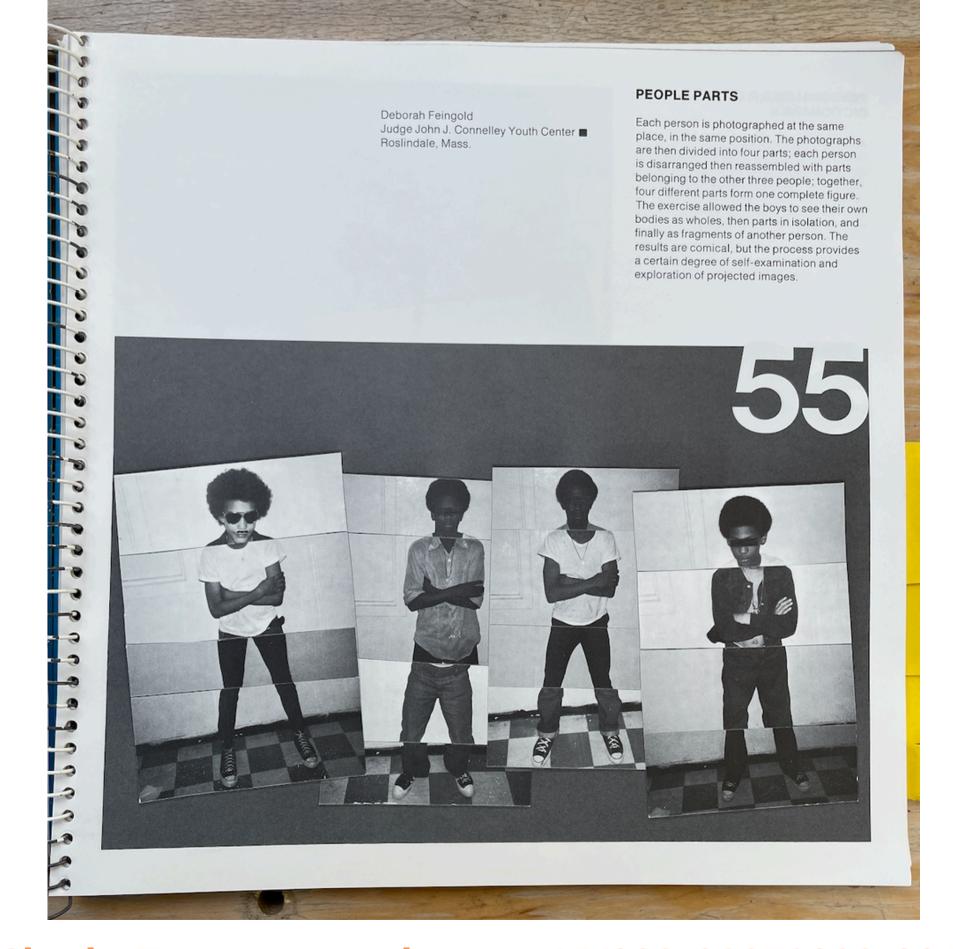
Studio

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Assignment 3



BODY ALPHABET Work in groups to create a word of your own selection

WORK OUTDOORS AROUND FIMU building

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Final assignments

- 1) Document portrait of your friend/family/classmate/bf/gf/artist
 - 2) Your own idea for a portrait set

3) Group (2-3): make a campaign for politics/artist/businessman

Let's go make a perfect portraits!!!!



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