Visual Literacy Exercise
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Visual literacy, the ability to read and understand pictures, is a basic skill for working with prints, photographs, drawings, and other pictorial materials. You need to learn to recognize subject content. You also need to consider the intent of the image creators, the influence of production techniques, and the role of visual expression conventions. Awareness of your own assumptions is as important as spotting discrepancies between what a picture shows and what its caption says.

The following exercise can help you improve your observation abilities.

Image Exercise (Think-Pair-Share)

1. Look at the picture for a few minutes.
   a. Capture your first impression in a few words about what the image shows.
   b. Name everything you see in the image.
   c. Look at each part of the picture again.

2. Create a title for the photograph. Write a paragraph explaining your choice of title.

3. Group work
   a. Share your title and paragraph with another student.
   b. What do the different titles suggest as to what you find important in the picture?