



TARGET(S)

- Students will learn how to emphasize the subject in a photo based on camera and subject location.
- Using an example photo, students will position subjects and props to match the scene
- Students will learn to use the macro feature on the digital camera.

CONTACT SHEET DUE

December 16, 2009

MOUNTED PRINTS DUE

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DETAILS

Find a three-four panel comic strip from the daily paper (not the Sunday paper). Make sure you save this comic strip for comparison with your final product. Your comic strip should show variety, not the same frames in each scene.

Now your task is to recreate the scenes in the comic strip by taking photographs of your friends in the same situations. You should be trying to replicate the exact positioning and framing of the comic, but with live action. Be sure to leave room in the frame for the text bubbles. You should try to frame the scene as close to the comic frame as possible.

After downloading your photos, first create a contact sheet to show the different photos you took. There should be two-three photos for each scene, which will give you more than ten frames. DO NOT rely on just one photo for each frame, take back-up shots just in case.

Your next step is to determine what photos best match the scenes in the comic. Save copies of these files as Scene1, Scene 2, etc. Crop your images so that they are no larger than four inches tall (150 ppi) depending on the orientation of the scene. The width will be determined by the action in the scene.

Optional: After cropping and adjusting the levels on your photos, you can make the scenes look more like drawings by using the Filters in PhotoShop. Try different filters for different effects. There are certain filters that will make your photo look more like drawings.

Add the text bubbles by using the Custom Shape Tool, there is a set of Custom Tools called TalkBubbles. You will enter the text as it is in the original comic strip.

Matte the new comic strip on a piece of board and include the original for comparison.

Comic Strip Example

