

What Makes a Good Photo Essay?

An activity using three photo essays in What's Up July 2019

A photo essay is a set of images that tell a story or evoke certain emotions. In *What's Up July 2019*, there are three photo essays: "Refugee children's precious possessions" (page 7–8), "Plucky schoolboy's trek to the Everest Base Camp" (page 12–13), and "The Formula 1 of the skies" (page 22–23). What qualities in each add to its impact on the reader? Are there aspects that reduce the phot essay's impact? Work in small groups to compare and contrast the three photo essays. Present your group's key points to the rest of the class.

GROUP NAME: _____

Photo essay	Qualities that enhance the impact on the reader	Qualities that weaken the impact on the reader
"Refugee children's precious possessions"		
"Plucky schoolboy's trek to the Everest Base Camp"		
"The Formula 1 of the skies"		

Helping questions

- What is the photo essay about?
- What emotions do the photos evoke?
- How do the photos tell a story?
- Is there a variety of photos? What is the effect?
- What is the order of the photos? What is the effect?

