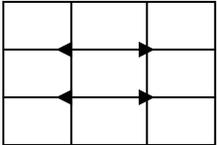


Quick Tips on Composition



1. Move in close. When you think you are too close, move in closer.
2. Keep the picture simple. Zero in on a specific subject. Avoid clutter. Eliminate useless foreground or sky.
3. Don't put your subject in the center of the picture. Mentally divide the scene into thirds with vertical and horizontal lines and place your subject at one of the intersecting points.

4. Have people look toward the center of the picture, not off the edge of the photo. Leave more space in the direction in which people or animals are facing.
5. Check the foreground and background for clutter or surprises such as a tree which will appear to be growing out of someone's head. Move yourself or your subject to avoid that.
6. Pose people naturally, doing something that fits in with the scene. Don't let people stand stiffly at attention. Don't have people looking at the camera.
7. Make sure the horizon is level. If the terrain is hilly, use a vertical reference point, such as a tree or telephone pole or building, to give viewers a stable point of reference.
8. The skyline should never be in the center of the picture; place it about a third of the way from either the top or bottom.
9. Take more than one picture, changing the angle. Sit down, kneel, stand on something.