



Basic Lesson Outline

Intro (5 minutes)

Open lesson with introduction of the 5 x 5 project outline. Brainstorm examples of types of 5 that might work. Some examples might be a poem in 5 lines, a story in 5 paragraphs, a song in 5 verses, a comic in 5 frames... 5 objects that tell a story...

Then, think about different ways that locations/photos can inspire us or generate ideas... memories, things we associate with certain places, settings for imagined events, beautiful buildings/nature that can inspire...

Worked Example (10 - 15 minutes)

Using an example photo, go through an initial approach to drawing inspiration from a scene. One suggested method:

- Share the photo on screen and get class to suggest words they think of when seeing the photo. Type these as they are suggested
- Using these keywords you could try to write one small piece as a group. Maybe a short poem or a paragraph of a story as a group.

Individual task (15 – 20 minutes)

Students respond to your example photo in their own way, using the keywords from the brainstorm as they wish. They may not have time to finish the piece in class

OR

Students decide on the photo that they will use for their submission and plan the piece based on their memory of the location/objects.

Work for after class

Take photo of chosen location or objects and continue to work on piece.

A later class devoted to reworking/sharing pieces might be beneficial.

Please do gather the pieces once your students have completed them and encourage them to let you submit them to Fighting Words. We can't wait to see what you come up with!