**Photo Essay Template**

**Focus Question**

What question will your research and your photo essay answer?

**Thesis/Gist**

Write a twenty-word, focused gist statement that explains your thesis -- the message/theme of your photo essay based on the question and evidence you have found. (Do not use because).

**Support**

Plan 1:

Plan out your main ideas by describing them here:

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| Facts: What you think and find | Feelings: your own and others | Photo: describe what the photo looks like and symbolizes |
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Comments:

What do you hope to accomplish?

**Revised Plan**

Plan 2: Organize your plan into your photo story.

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| Photo Description | Photo Message/Implication | Photo Text (for reader) | Photo Location |
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Comment:

Revise your gist statement to match your final images and story:

**Introduction**

Plan and explain:

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| Photo | Text |
| Lead Image will be: | Title will be: |
| Thesis photo will be: | Thesis is: |

**Conclusion**

Plan and explain:

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| Photo | Text |
| Last Grabber/Summarizing photo will be: | Phrase or question to summarize or call to action will be: |
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