



Taking a photograph is one way to tell a story. Try telling your own story by taking some photographs!

Below, you will learn more about what makes a good photo. Follow the guide and learn how to plan and take great pictures. The steps were adapted from the *Geography Action!* Project Guide article "The Art of the Interview" written by Kirsten Elstner, Director of National Geographic Photocamp.

PREPARE

STEP 1: The Camera

Ask your parents or older friends to show you how to use a camera. They can help by showing you how to look through the camera lens and click to take a picture.

STEP 2: The Place

Have your parents help you choose a place to take photographs. Think about your neighborhood. What would be a good place to take pictures that tell you something about where you live?

CAPTURE

STEP 3: The Subject

Think about what to photograph. You can choose a person, a landscape or even a building. Remember to think about how your subject tells a story about where you live. Then, take some pictures!

SHARE

STEP 4: The Story

Now, look at your pictures. What story can you tell about where you live with just the pictures? Be sure to share your pictures with your friends and family.

Suggested Resources

National Geographic: Photo Guide:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/photography/index.html>

National Geographic: Path to Adventure—Adventure Photography Tips

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/pathtoadventure/phototips/>

National Geographic Traveler: Photography Tips

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/traveler/photos/phototips0507/pt.html>

National Geographic: Photography Field Guide for Kids (hard copy book)

<http://shop.nationalgeographic.com/shopping/product/detailmain.jsp?itemID=64&itemType=PRODUCT&iMainCat=121&iSubCat=199&iProductID=64>

Jimmy Chin Sees Adventure: What Do You See?

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/06/gk2/jchin.html>

ARTSEGE: Kevin Bubriski, on Photography and Place

<http://www.artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/3289/>