

Welcome to A Level Photography

Let's develop your interest and knowledge...

Watch

Films:

Bill Cunningham New York - An uplifting documentary about a photographer who documented street fashion in New York.

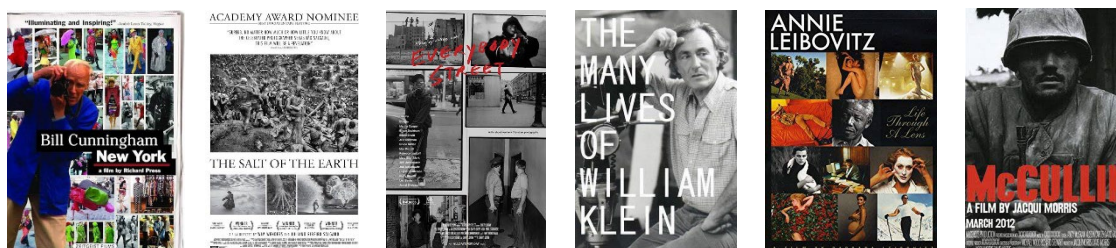
The Salt of The Earth - This follows Brazilian photographer Sebastião Salgado, whose black-and-white photographs document migration, labour, poverty, conflict and the environment.

Everybody Street - A lively introduction to several New York street photographers. It shows how different photographers can work in the same location but produce completely different images.

The Many Lives of William Klein - William Klein challenged traditional ideas about technically perfect photography.

Annie Leibovitz: Life Through a Lens - This explores Leibovitz's career in portrait, editorial and celebrity photography.

McCullin - A powerful documentary about British photographer Don McCullin, whose work includes war photography, social documentary and landscape.



Films to watch for cinematography

Film and cinematography play a large part in the teaching a learning of photography. These films are useful even though they are not specifically about photographers:

- **The Grand Budapest Hotel** — symmetry, colour and carefully constructed compositions
- **Moonlight** — portraiture, coloured lighting and atmosphere
- **The Truman Show** — surveillance, unusual viewpoints and framing
- **Portrait of a Lady on Fire** — gaze, restrained colour and carefully arranged figures
- **Blade Runner 2049** — scale, silhouettes and dramatic lighting
- **Amélie** — colour grading, detail and unusual camera angles
- **1917** — movement, viewpoint and continuous visual storytelling

Create

Summer Task:

Take a minimum of 5 photos of an object which says something about you. This could be something that depicts your personality, something which represents a key moment of your life or an important memory, or something which represents something which is meaningful to you.

Consider your photography:

- Angles
- Lighting
- Macro/ Micro (Zoomed out and Close Up)
- Consideration of foreground/ background
- Rule of Thirds

Enhance, transform and create a further narrative of your photographs by engaging in editing processes. The recommended app to do this is **Adobe Lightroom**.

Explore the features of Lightroom and generate a series of 5 edits.

Other Apps to consider:

VSCO

Pixlr

Snapseed