Rationale:

Historic photography is really important to social studies, so it is important that students understand the principles of photography as well as early types of photography. This unit could either be taught in a two week chunk, or it could be broken up throughout the year so that they are looking at the photographs from a time period when they’re learning about that time period in class. After this unit, you could either go on to the 1960’s or you could talk about different types of historic art, depending on where you wanted to go with this unit.

Description:

This unit is designed for 10th grade students in a U.S. History class. Students will learn about how photography is used in photojournalism throughout history, the elements of photography, as well as early types of photography. Then they will use what they learned to analyze a series of photographs from different time periods.