

## The Photographs of John McNeill (1950-1963) TEACHERS' NOTES

The photos discussed are all John McNeill's photographs which were taken in 1950-63 while he was employed as photographer for the North Bay Nugget. He subsequently went on to work at the Globe and Mail newspaper.

This is an online learning assignment. If teachers wish to use the lessons in class students will need

- Internet connection
- Laptop or tablet
- Cell phone to send in their photos

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Students require feedback from lessons 1-3. Lesson 1 worksheet will be modelled by Pat Moulson at the beginning of Lesson 2.
- Lesson 2 is McNeill News Photo Analysis. A blank form and write ups of the 5 photos presented are included in this package. The worksheet for lesson 2 should be completed by the student and reviewed by the teacher before Lesson 3 begins. The teacher may want to break at this point so that analysis can be done. It is mandatory that students understand 'point of view'.
- Lesson 3 is "A Day in the Life of the School" (pre-Covid). Students are asked to complete the planning of a photo shoot to take place in a school. Feedback will be the teacher's responsibility before Lesson 4 begins.
- We recommend a class discussion to generate ideas or the teacher posts five of the most creative ideas.
- Lesson 4 is the culminating assignment. It includes an
  - a) "Artist Statement" worth 10 marks (blank form included)

b) ONE or more photo(s) on the theme of “A Moment of Covid from Home”.  
The photo (10 marks) must show an emotional effect and

1. a title
2. one member of their family (not themselves in a selfie)
3. their house/yard/grocery store/playground, etc.

- The museum will “publish” the students’ photos on their website, accompanied by the title and first name of the photographer. Please send some or all of your students’ photo with title and first names to Naomi Hehn, Museum Curator at:

[naomi@northbaymuseum.com](mailto:naomi@northbaymuseum.com).

In order to appear on the website, all photos must be accompanied by a parent permission form which the teacher will vet.

**POSSIBLE ENRICHMENT OR BONUS ASSIGNMENT OR MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENT TO RAISE MARK**

Do #1 or #2 or Both

1. Go to Google Images. Search John McNeill Photographer Globe and Mail. Choose one of his photos, describe it, and explain why you like it."
2. Go to YouTube. "30 Best Black and White Photographs". Choose your favourite photo, describe it and explain why you like it.

**ASSESSMENT** will be undertaken through the completion of and discussion of worksheets 1-3.

**EVALUATION** will be based on worksheet #4 The Artist Statement (10) Photo (10)  
Total 20 Marks