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Blooming Flowers

John Berger once said “A photograph is a result of the photographer’s decision that it is worth recording that this particular event or this particular object has been seen” (292). This is saying that no matter what picture we take, that is an event to us, but really it is what grabs our attention because we want to always remember that moment. When we take the picture it has a meaning or story behind it. My two photos “Being Bright” and “Lovely Blossom” are showing the differences between one that is perfectly grown and the other that is in the process of blooming. Both of my photos contain punctum, dominant impression, and it is a documentary photo. To further on my thesis the method that I will be using is point by point and comparing and contrast.

In “Begin Bright” what you can observe is that there are yellow petals that form roses, green leaves, red blossom that are in the middle, the steams are tall, and it is very bright. It has a great dominant impression to me because it has that feeling of a bright summer day and that it is a happy event. Punctum is in this image because it has that calm feeling behind it and that there is a blissful mood. I really like this photo because it makes me happy, the colors really drives me into the flower and the roses are beautiful.

What you notice in” Lovely Blossom” is different colors in the flowers, a little green, there is many leaves, and various types of flowers. The feeling and mood that this picture gives me is a mild cool day, spring season, and excitement. The elements that make me feel that is the flowers because it just makes me really happy which makes me smile.

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In “Being Bright” and “Lovely Blossom” these are two similar photos but have some differences. What they share in common is having beautiful colors, the way that they were grown, and the mood that they impact. Some of the differences between both photos is they are not the same type of flowers, the angle that they were taken out and that there is less or more details in one than the other. Berger mentions “The only decision he can take is as regards the moment he chooses to isolate. Yet this apparent limitation gives the photograph its unique power” (293). This to me is saying that the little that is capture in a photo it has a lot of saying and interpretation. My two photos can relate to this saying because there is not a lot going on, but you can see the flowers and how that can changed my mood.

The reason that I choose these two photos is because of the mood and colors that they share. The moods that I get from both images are excitement, joy, happiness and relax. I got the reaction of excitement and happiness because when I look at both flowers I see summer or spring and I know that when these seasons are arriving then I can see all of these beautiful flowers such as tulips, hibiscus, and etc. I also get the reaction of relax and joy because it makes me smiles and of the spaces around it. The colors are very bright but calming so it give me that mild feel. According to Berger he mentions “But photography does not deal in constructs. There is no transforming in photography. There is only decision, only focus.”(294). This is saying that when we take a photo, we take it because we like it, to cherish or it has a message to tell. Sometimes we may think twice before taking that photo but when we do and look at it after we can really see something into it.

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The moment that I took these pictures were very cheerful and glad moments because of how wonderful the day was and the occasion. I really like “Lovely Blossom” and “Being Bright” because there are very special and just makes me really happy to remember that day. Puctum are incorporated in both images because they are very lovely and gorgeous flowers, it is relaxing and just grabs my attention.

Photography has many different interpretation, ideas and point of views. I think that it depends on how you look at an artwork, photo, or even anything. In both of my images “Lovely Blossom” and “Being Bright” they are very much a like, but they contain some differences. In the article “Understanding a Photograph” by John Berger I can relate my photos with this article because the reason that I took the picture was that I wanted to cherish that time. I enjoy both pictures because I can always look back and remember that occasion and it brings a smile to me. When you take a photo ask yourself, why is it special and what grabs your attention? I think about these two question when I take a picture because it is want makes it interesting to tell a story.

Source: Berger, John “Understanding a Photograph”

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