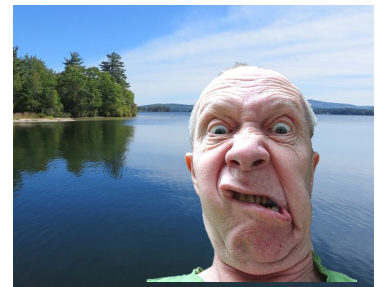
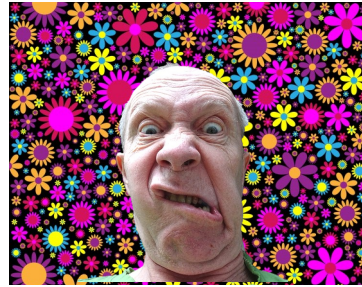


# How to take a better photograph

*(Apologies if I chose your photo. No hard feelings intended.)*

**A** Busy backgrounds make the viewer's eye have trouble focusing on the subject. Also please notice that the subject is off-center. To create interest.



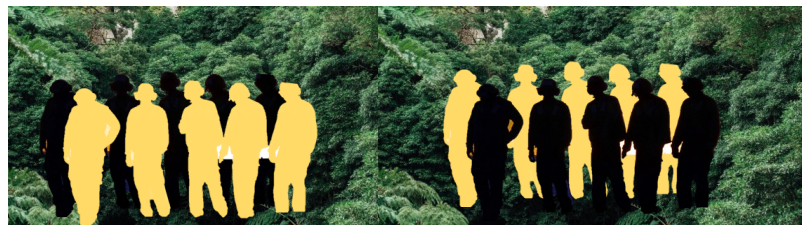
**B** If your background is too bright in comparison to your subject, it is the background that is what the camera meter on. In the second photo it is the faces that are easier to see. Use a flash if there are only a couple subjects.



**C** Have the back row of people spaced evenly between the shoulders of the people in front of them. Also, please avoid shorter people in the back row. An acceptable option is to have the tall people kneel or sit and the shorter ones stand behind. Please note that a flash likely will not carry to the back row.



**D** If the background is dark, choose those in light colors to be against the dark background so that those wearing dark colors don't disappear. The same goes for a colored background and those wearing that same color.



**E**

- ◆ Bottom line for this presentation. Be aware of backgrounds and spacing.
- ◆ Send in two photos for each submission. One with a flash and one without.
- ◆ There is only so much adjustments that can be done with the computer.
- ◆ Practice your new skills by looking at photos in your phone and critique them to think of how they could have been made better.

