

# PARADE **classroom**® Skills Sheet

## Photos Tell the Story

A great newspaper photo can tell you as much about an important story as the words in an article. Photos can make you feel like you're at the scene, they can show you how people feel about an event, and they can often influence your opinion about the person who is pictured. Take a close look at some of the photos in your paper this week, then answer the questions below.

1. What was the best photo you saw in the paper? What was it about?

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2. Who, if anyone, was shown in the photo? Where were they, and what were they doing?

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3. What makes the photo so powerful?

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4. How did the photo connect to the article it accompanied: Did it change your opinion of the news or event, did it reinforce what the article said, or did it add something new to the story?

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5. Who took the photo? Does the photographer work for your paper, or for an outside group?

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6. How well does the photo tell the story on its own? Imagine there is no article or caption alongside the photo, and that you're just seeing it on a blank page. Write a paragraph describing what the photo is showing.

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7. Which section of the paper has the most interesting photos? Why do you think this is? Do some sections have color photos while others do not? If so, why do you think the paper uses color photos only on those pages?

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