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Definition Essay

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Photons Hitting My Sensor

To me photography is not just a hobby; photography is a way of life. I see the world differently than most people; I see the world through the lens of a camera. My camera has been all the way from the depths of the wilderness to the sunshine of the beach. If I go somewhere, my camera is coming with me. I capture every aspect of my life with my camera. My camera is more than just another camera; my camera artistically defines who I am. My camera allows me to present my special view of the world to anyone and everyone.

I'm not sure where I would be without my camera. I own a Sony NEX-7 mirror-less DSLR camera. My camera is an extension of myself. I like to think of my camera as a prosthetic to my sight. The pictures I take allow me to express my different view of the world through my photography. My camera is my girlfriend, my wife, my mistress and my best friend. It's interesting how two different people can take a photograph of the same object and it will never turn out exactly the same way. My camera is one of my most important possession. I can guarantee that I will be in tears if it breaks or gets lost. I'm not entirely sure what I would do with myself without my camera. My camera and the photos I take with it define me creatively as a person.

My camera is not a normal, professional camera and it isn't one of those cameras that you carry around and point and shoot at your subject. It's a professional camera that takes high quality, 24.1 megapixel sized images. But my camera is not a big, full-bodied DSLR that most

professional photographers use. My camera is a fusion between a point and shoot and a professional camera. This means I get the best of both worlds with my camera. I can take high quality DSLR images with the ease of a point and shoot camera. I can carry my camera around everywhere I go and it isn't a nuisance in the slightest. I try to capture the people I meet and the experiences I have through the lens of my camera. The lens on my camera is detachable, so I can put different lenses on it and totally change the look of my photography. It has an LCD viewfinder, which is a new piece of technology to use on a camera. My camera also has dials to set aperture and shutter speed so I can quickly change and adjust my exposure. The lens I have on my camera right now is an 18-55mm Sony e-mount lens. My camera is almost always attached to my hip at all times. Buying this camera was one of the best decisions I have ever made!

I like the idea that every picture I take with my camera could potentially stir up or create an emotion in someone. It could alter history or capture a moment that lasts a lifetime. My photography in a way defines my camera. Even though photography is not a tangible object I can physically define on my camera, it truly exemplifies the definition of it. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words so the more photos I take, the more I define my camera. The physical camera is only a tool to help me express myself. I think the photographs I take truly define my camera and who I am as an artist. I hope someday maybe my camera will be capturing history and creating emotion with me at the helm.

Without having a camera in my life, I would be a creatively lost person. Defining something that has so much impact on my life is not easy. I truly think without my camera and the photographs it allows me to make, I would not be the same person. My camera's definition is constantly evolving and changing based on the art I create with it. It's a great feeling being able

to express myself creatively with a camera. Hopefully one day I can take a picture that could define an entire generation, capture history or create an emotion.