Statement of Intent: A guide for completion of.

CHOOSING A MENTOR:

For each of your major photoshoots I want you to Find an PHOTOGRAPHER who explores the same general theme or topic that you are exploring. This can come from your Important Photographers list or from elsewhere but you must know who the photographer is! You cannot just take an idea from an advertisment or Instagram. You should also check that there is a decent amount of literature about the photographer and his/her work before you choose this artist. Mr. Long has some really good books (as does our fabulous library) if you cannot find what you are looking for on the internet.

Read about this Photographer.

What is he/she interested in **exploring** in his/her work?

HOW did this person explore this theme in the work?

What is the **process**?

What about **technique**?

**Technology**?

Product?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Did you choose your mentor BEFORE you began shooting? I hope so and, if so this should give you a lot of information about your topic and inform your approach, technique, process or product.

Did you choose your mentor AFTER you began shooting? If so (I think you are doing this the hard way but…) what connections can you make after the fact about your approach to the photographic exploration? Make specific reference to what you discovered in step 1.

RATIONALE

Now talk about your own process and intent.

You can talk about the relationship between photography and the theme. For instance: *why is exploring abstraction through photography interesting? And what light can this shed on the way that we as a culture usually consider and interact with the medium?*

Write about your own decision making throughout the process.

Why did you choose this particular subject? Pose? Composition? Lighting?

What did you hope to accomplish?

How do you want a viewer to approach or react to your image?

What questions does your image ask? Or beg to be asked of it?

Is it a mysterious image? Or is it an informative one ( one that strives for clarity?)

Why did you make the decisions that you made?