**Creating a Visual Narrative**

 Visual Themes

* Stories are about something…
	+ May convey mood, perspective, or moral
	+ Make us feel a certain way, give us another way to look at things, and inform, educate, and entertain.
* Determine what constitutes the bulk of your work and shoot toward your strengths.
	+ Are you a landscape photographer?
	+ A lifestyle photographer?
	+ Street/candid photographer?
	+ Surrealist/ experimental/ alternative photographer?
* Recall events, memories, or stories/tales that are of importance in your own life or personal experiences. Consider the following prompts to help brainstorm:
	+ What places do you go in your day-to-day life?
	+ Where do you go to escape?
	+ What people, objects, places or other things have influenced you or are significant in your life?
	+ What are some things that inspire you(books/poetry/songs)?
	+ What do you find sacred?
* Make notes on the events/images/symbols giving specific details on each. Emotions and sensory details can make the narrative more compelling and relatable to the viewer.
* Create thumbnail sketches for your individual frames (5+) that will become your Narrative. Consider the point of view of your story…1st person/2nd person/3rd person in which your story will be told and be sure it is consistent throughout.