

Heritage Family Educators
STEAM Fair – Art Project - Photography

Name: _____

Score/Place: _____

Title: _____

(1st: 16 – 20, 2nd 11 – 15, 3rd 6 – 10, 5 < Participant)

	4	3	2	1	0	Score
Light and Contrast	Excellent use of light and contrast with a good distribution of black, white and gray values in the histogram.	Lighting isn't bad but may not be spectacular. The contrast is adequate with the fair distribution of black, white and gray values in the histogram.	Use of light could be better and the contrast could be increased to include more true black, white and gray values in the histogram.	Poor use of light and the contrast. The histogram has very little black, white and gray values to work with.	Not enough thought given to the use of light and your histogram shows a lack of understanding of value contrast.	
Focus	Main subject is in focus. Intentional, deliberate and appropriate use of depth of field.	Main subject is in focus. Depth of field might be better used to direct interest to the subject.	Main subject is almost in focus. Depth of field is not appropriate to the subject.	Main subject is out of focus, and not enough thought was given to use of the depth of field.	Image is blurry and not in focus.	
Exposure	Good exposure with no loss of texture in the shadows and no "blown out" highlights.	A small loss of detail occurs in either the darkest shadow or highlights, but overall the image retains its interest and integrity.	Average exposure. Loss of texture in the shadows main highlights are "blown out".	Poor exposure. A lot of loss of texture in the shadows or many "blown out" highlights.	Image has large areas under-exposed (too dark) or over-exposed (too light).	

**Heritage Family Educators
STEAM Fair – Art Project - Photography**

Composition	Composition is interesting and compelling. The composition uses leading lines, perspective and framing. The image has elements in the foreground, middle ground and background.	Composition is ok but does not show the subject from a new or unique perspective. The image needs additional elements in the foreground, middle ground or background.	Composition is average. The composition is flat or lacks interest with no leading lines, perspective, or framing.	Composition needs work. It has little thought given to the elements of composition.	Needs more thought given to the elements of composition.	
Concept/Idea	Good use of an idea or concept. Presented this idea in a unique and novel way.	Good idea or concept, but subject is presented in a typical manner	Average idea or concept. Subject is presented in a typical manner.	Common idea or concept.	Not enough thought given to the subject. Idea or concept unclear.	
Total Score						

Comments (optional):