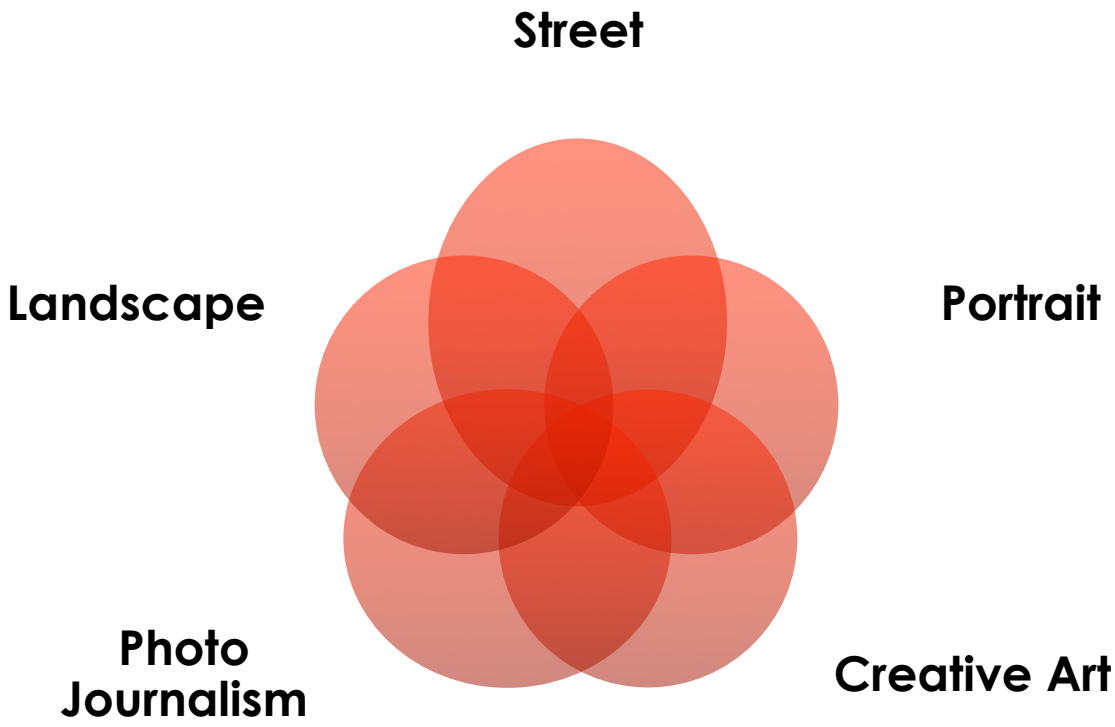
Documentary Photography

- A chronicle of **events** or **environments** that are both **significant** and **relevant** to history and historical events, as well as everyday life.



Create a photo essay

Each image should be powerful

- **Setting the scene**
  - *What is the event all about*
- **People 'doing' something**
  - *Working, playing, interacting*
- **Portrait**
  - *Close up of an individual who is key to the story*
- **Detail**
  - *Small, but highly significant, piece of detail, usually a close-up*
- **Decisive moment**
  - *A moment that is fleeting (but relevant). Maybe amusing, an unusual angle or expression*

Let go of your favourites if they don't fit!

Photo Essay

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- **Each photograph is:**
  - Relevant
  - Part of the overall story
  - Not superfluous
  - Not repetitious
- **The photo should speak for itself**
- **Caption**: a few descriptive words e.g. a name, date, place or
- **Talk to people**
  - Get names and quotes to add rich detail
- **Shows 'it' as it is**
  - Focus on content not technical perfection
  - Crop and nothing else!