



Image: *Cappuccino Chaos* (2017), by D. Randall Blythe

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY

Activity Booklet

For ages 10+

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INFO SHEET:

The History of Photography

Photography was invented in France by Joseph Nicephore Niepce in the year 1826.

The first photograph ever taken was not very clear because the technology was still new and undeveloped!

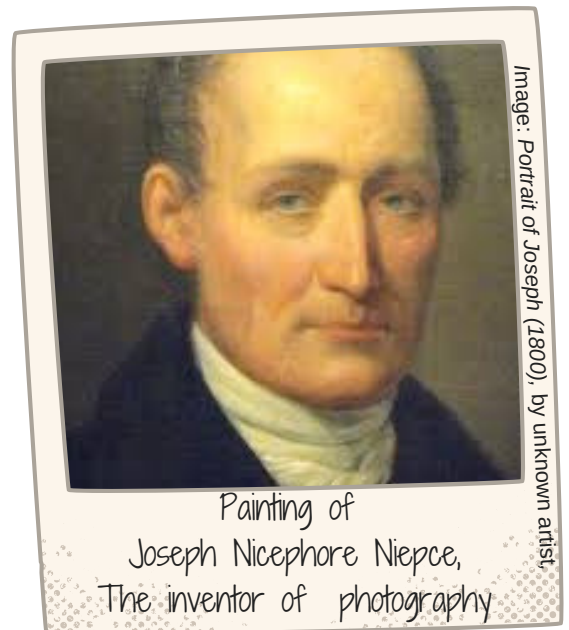
The first recorded photograph, view from a window at Niépce's estate, Le Gras, in the Burgundy region of France, 1826



Image: View from estate window (1826), by Joseph Niepce

Before Joseph successfully invented photography, there was another kind of "camera" invented in 1816 called the **CAMERA OBSCURA**. This camera more operated as a projector to help artists draw than to take any photographs.

WHAT KIND OF CAMERA DO YOU USE TO TAKE PHOTOS?



Developing photographs used to be a lot more difficult! In the past, photographers would have to:

- Work with difficult materials such as copper plates or flammable fluids.
- Find special paper with light sensitive material to print their pictures.
- Leave their pictures in a special room called a dark room with a special red light in there to protect the photos.

IT WAS A LOT OF WORK!

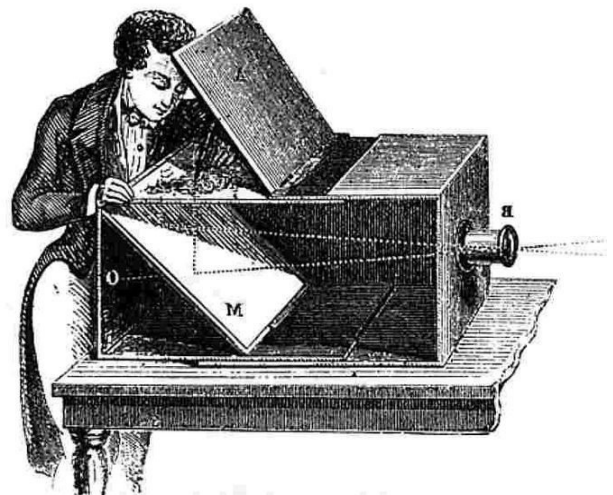


Image: Artist using a camera obscura (1800s), by unknown artist

★ **DRAW** one thing you would like to take a photograph of in each frame.



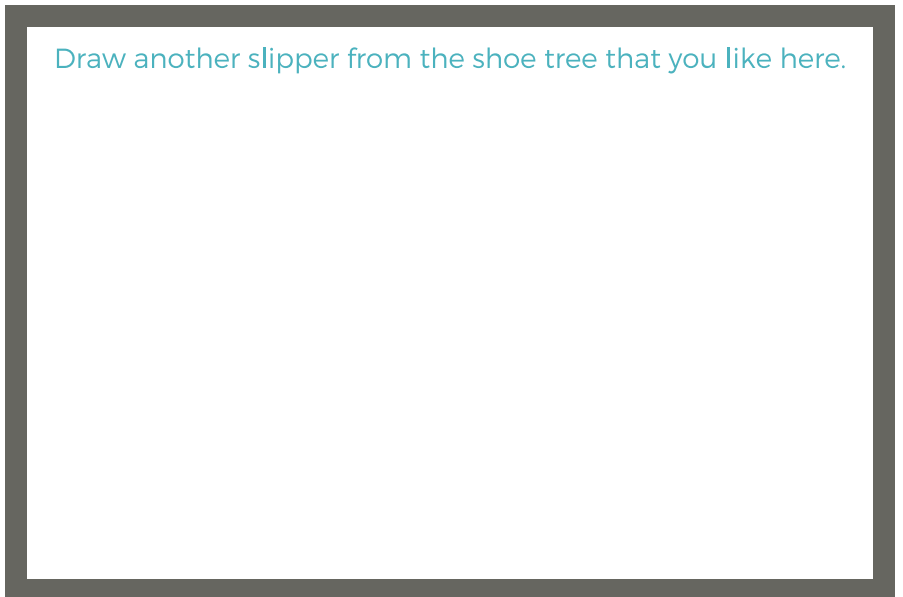
★ **FIND** the piece titled "Leave it on the Shore" by D. Randall Blythe

Can you find this slipper on the shoe tree?

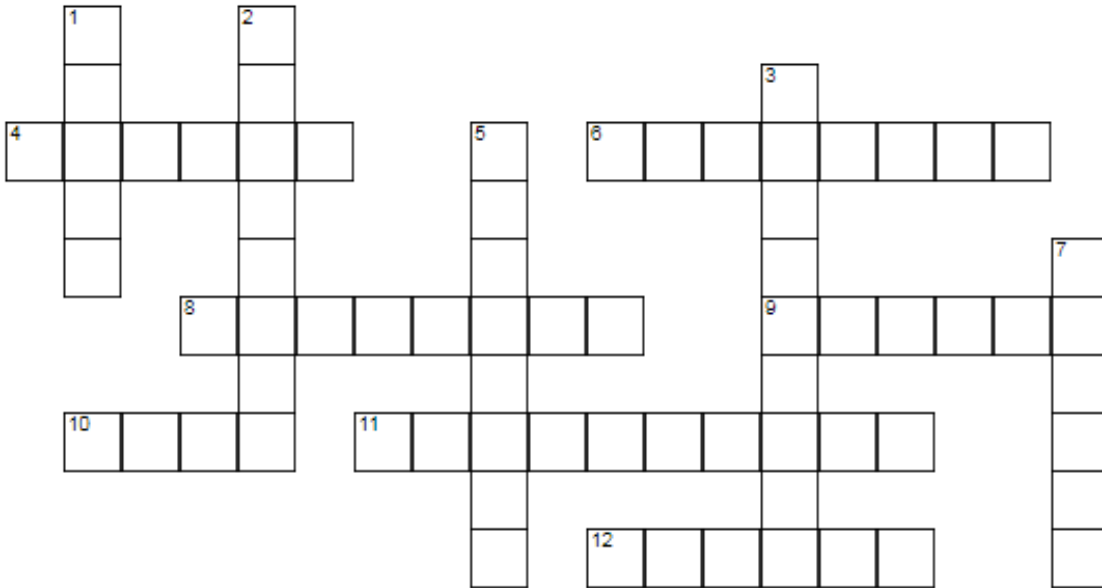


Image: Section of "Leave it on the Shore" (2015), by D.Randall Blythe

Draw another slipper from the shoe tree that you like here.



★ **SOLVE** this crossword puzzle



ACROSS

- 4 What you use to take a photograph
- 6 When a photograph has not had the colours correctly developed yet. The opposite of a negative
- 8 When a picture is vertical; also a type of painting
- 9 A photo you take of yourself
- 10 What old photos were developed onto; also another word for a movie
- 11 Something you take using a camera
- 12 The inventor of photography

DOWN

- 1 The bright light that goes off when you take a photo
- 2 The special room where photos get developed
- 3 When a picture is horizontal
- 5 A special kind of photograph that prints instantly
- 7 The part of the camera used to capture the image

KEY TERMS

- PHOTOGRAPH
- POLAROID
- SELFIE
- PORTRAIT
- LENSES
- CAMERA
- NEGATIVE
- LANDSCAPE
- FILM
- JOSEPH
- FLASH
- DARKROOM

★ **FIND** two photographs in this exhibition that were taken in the Cayman Islands. What are their titles?



Image: The Report (2017), by D.Randall Blythe

★ **WHAT** other name would you give this exhibition based on the photographs that you've seen?
