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Critiquing a Photograph

Directions: Use the prompts below to assess the aesthetic and technical aspects of your chosen/assigned photograph.

Image (photographer's name and/or keywords from caption, along with brief description):

What is the subject of this image? What is the setting?

What draws you to this image? How does it engage the viewer?

What feeling(s) does it evoke?

What ideas or themes does it suggest?

What mood or tone does it set?

Does it give you a new perspective on the subject?

Does it seem to idealize or distort the subject in any way? If so, what is the effect?

Look at, and comment on, the technical aspects of the photo:

- composition and placement of subject(s)
- lighting and exposure
- use of color
- focus and depth of field
- angle
- distance from subject
- framing
- background

What do you learn from this photograph that you can apply to your own photography? What ideas does it give you?