## LAYOUT COMPOSITION USING THE GRID

ENTOURAGE ESSENTIALS: DAY 21

Look at your content and write down the orientation of your dominant photo and number of horizontal and number of vertical images. Download the images in a folder together to your documents folder.

PS: Some photos will work vertical or horizontal, Make a note them too.

REMINDER:


HORIZONTAL


VERTICAL

## OBJECTIVES:

You'll learn the essentials of layout and grid theory used by designers to create effective compositions.

You'll practice applying grid techniques by sketching layouts for various content.

# COM <br> POSIT <br> LAYOUT 

Placement, organization, or arrangement of visual elements according to the principles of art/design

## COMMUNICATE DON'T DECORATE

## things to consider:

Consider the narrative of the section you are designing-how can the images be arranged to help tell the story?

Does the composition of the spread have a sense of unity?

Consider lines, shapes, and even the subject of the photos to help move the viewer's eye throughout the composition.

# PRINCIPLES 

 OF DESIGN Balance UnityContrast
Emphasis
Pattern
Movement/Rhythm

The area of interest most emphasized. The area in a composition where the eye returns.

WHAT IS THE FOCAL POINT OF OUR SPREAD?.


A network of uniformly spaced horizontal and perpendicular lines used for guidance.

## GRIDS ARE LIKE THE INVISIBLE GLUE THAT HOLDS A DESIGN TOGETHER.

guidelines for how elements should be positioned layout
reflect proportion of the paper


GRIDS ARE THE FOUNDATION FOR PAGE ORGANIZATION.

## TYPES OF GRIDS

## BASELINE

Equally spaced horizontal lines,
like notebook paper.

## TYPES OF GRIDS

## COLUMN

splits spread into vertical fields for aligning content
this is how we will start our spreads

## COLUMN GRID SETUP



## TYPES <br> OF GRIDS

## MODULAR

add rows to column grids that can be combined to create modules of content


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# TYPES OFGRIDS 

 HIERARCHICAL breaking the grid to draw attention and fit specific contentmore free-form adds interest can be added to
column/modular can be added to
column/modular



Horizon line that carries your eye across both pages

## TIPS

DRAW IT FIRST!
do not divide the spread exactly in half can be broken once

# GRIDS WILL HELP YOU GET FROM THIS $\longleftrightarrow$ TO THIS 



## GRIDS ARE NOT <br> JUST FOR YEARBOOKS

## USED <br> IN ALL TYPES <br> OF DESIGN



## do you see the hidden grids in these module designs?



## where is they eyeline?

 where is the grid broken? how many columns was this design based on?



## DIRECTION

Consider the direction in a photo when placing it on the page. The action should lead your eye onto the spread, not off of it.



# $\mathbf{G R}_{\text {DRAWNG EXRRCISE }}$ 

## USE THE THUMBNAIL SHEET LET'S DO ONE TOGETHER

DIVIDE EACH SPREAD INTO A LAYOUT USING A VARIETY OF GRIDS: ALL SKETCHES MUST INCLUDE:

Eyeline (start with this)
Dominant photo (2-3X bigger than any box) Headlines with story
Secondary Coverage Mod
Caption Box
Additional photos of varying size/shape


## LAYOUT REQUIREMENTS



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## 든․․․․ . Eyeline connects both pages together FOCAL P E Eyeline does not cut the page exactly in half Dominant photo is 3 X larger than other boxes




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