

16 Ways of Looking at a Photograph

Class Exercise: Chapter 7, Robert Capa

For this exercise, you will need access to the internet. Google ‘Robert Capa, war photographer’ and choose a few images to study. Save the page. Then google the popular video game, ‘God of War.’ Choose a few images to study and compare them to the Capa images. What does Capa *do*, in representing war, that works against heroic clichés of battle? What sides or aspects of war do Capa photographs represent: make a list of the scenes he shows, the people, including women, children, the injured, and so on. It isn’t just Capa’s risk-taking that makes his war photography seminal, it is the handling of the subject, the honesty of his vision.