

Technology Lesson Plan

The purpose of my technology lesson was to have students perform a technology-based activity involving photographs for forensics. It seemed that the best way to present the methods of forensic photographers was to have students mimic the detail-oriented procedures that they have to follow. It also allowed students to collaborate on a project and compile a large database of information, even though all students were working separately.

For the lesson, I set up a fake crime scene in my classroom, involving what would appear to be a “stabbed victim” on the ground. There were various pieces of evidence laid out on the floor, including blood stains, footprints, and other various items where trace evidence may be found (chairs, cups, boxes). In the days leading up to this class we had brainstormed what the most important things are that a forensic photographer must do at a crime scene. I had also presented to them the specific roles and duties (from official sources) of a forensic photographer.

For this lesson, I had students give me their email addresses as I created a class webpage on Shutterfly.com with the goal of students being able to upload their crime scene photos to this webpage. After creating the website, students had the ability to download the free Shutterfly app (iTunes and Google Play). During class, students took pictures (at least 5 per student) of the crime scene and were asked to upload them via the app to our class page. Students could have also brought in a digital camera and uploaded pictures to the class site via the computer, but nobody opted for this option. The following class period, we looked at the pictures in class and evaluated certain ones to see if they followed along with the rules and regulations of real forensic photography.

Some technology issues did arise with students trying to upload pictures and them not going to the specific class site. I feel that there might be a better photo uploading application that could serve this same purpose but that it would require some effort and searching on my part to find it.