**Taking a Great Selfie-Week 2**

Compare the works of your favorite photographers from either Instagram, magazines, youtube, etc. to some of your random selfies. The point is to contrast and compare the work of these artists to your quick selfies, showing how light, contrast, backgrounds and emotion can make one image memorable, while the other is simply forgettable.

Try to just concentrate on background, the direction of the lighting and posing of your Selfie. The object of your “Backstory” is to create your own innovative and memorable self-portraits.

Find a parent, sibling, guardian, grandparent and share your selfie with them(inside your home) social distancing😊. Ask them honestly what’s unique and powerful about your picture. On the opposite side of the coin, be sure to ask them what it is about the selfies they find lacking.

Using some of the sample photographs from your favorite portrait artist, have your home family to take a look at your favorite artists and describe the backgrounds they see in each shot. Ask them these questions as they inspect the images. Are the backgrounds sharp and in focus, or soft and blurry? Are the backgrounds darker than the subject, lighter or a combination that is both darker and lighter in certain areas? Do the backgrounds take away from the subject? In other words, are their eyes drawn to the background instead of the subject? Is there a lot of the background showing, or does the subject take up the majority of the photograph? The object is to get them thinking about every part of the photograph, from corner to corner, and not just the portrait itself.

This is just an optional fun assignment that will get you to think about the story your photo presents. Do you share your selfie outside of the home and do not submit this to me…This is just totally for fun and hopefully you learn to tell a story with your photograph😊

If you don’t have a phone or camera just look critically at photographs in magazines, books, etc. and compare the lightning and backgrounds of each photograph and discuss with members of your household.