Why do we make images? What do we want to say with them?

How an image is composed is often just as important as what is in the image. The composition of an image changes what we see, how we see it, and even what we don’t see. The angles, distance, and cropping of an image all influence the story that the final image tells.

This artwork is made up of 275,000 images! These images are of everyday things, like a pet, a haircut, a shadow, a coffee. Through this work, the artist is trying to show us how easy it is to take photographs in today’s world, and how many images we take and see all around us every day.

What is composition?
Composition is how things are placed and framed in an image.

Mémoires
Roberto Pellegrinuzzi (b. 1958)
2015
Digital photographs printed on backlite film and mounted on nylon threads
4.26 x 6.09 x 8.53 m
Courtesy Pierre-François Ouellette art contemporain, Montreal
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ACTIVITY: MAKE A PHOTO INSTALLATION!

Inspired by the amazing photo installation in the exhibition, create your own artwork on small squares of paper, using images of things that have special meaning to you and tell a story about your life.

Paint, draw or take photos of at least 10 things – it could be some of your favourite books, your pets, your home, your favourite food, etc. Then think about how you want to arrange them all together in one artistic composition. Perhaps you want to hang them all on strings in your room, just like Roberto Pellegrinuzzi did for his cool work!