



Stephanie Yanez is a 17 year old girl who lives in Bell, CA. on Gage Ave. Stephanie was born in the east of Los Angeles, and she is a wonderful photographer. Her artwork is a Documentary photographs. Her work is mainly about boxing and how challenging the sport can be.

Her artwork overall is interesting and unique. She works down the block on Gage Ave. Her photography shows how competitive the sport can be, and knowing that boxing is not just about fighting others, but about knowing how to defend yourself. Her pictures even made the front cover of Sports Illustrated in December, 2014. Some specific information of her artwork is that she chose to do this topic because she got inspired by other boxers, and by her coaches, and being able to benefit herself. She is so talented as a photographer that people got inspired by her artwork.

Stephanie focused and gave it her all doing this amazing project. Boxing means everything to her because it benefits her physically and emotionally, it helped her in having more confidence in her self too. Lately she's been working, for about a month on a project in how money can change people emotionally and physically. After that project she is willing to do another project, for the people who don't know what's like going across the country and finding the different cultures. In January, 2013 Stephanie graduated from Harvard University.

My name is Stephanie Yanez and I am shooting photos to one of challenging sports, boxing. Boxing is one of my favorite sports, I been in it for a while now and I have experienced and learned a lot. My artwork's meaning is to experience how tough and competitive a sport can be, and to show people that it's not only about fighting others but to learn how to defend yourself in a way. Me as a boxer, my intention as a photographer is to show other people how boxers train, and how it's not easy.

My artwork is a Documentary photography. A documentary photography is a photo that is significant in the historical event, or an everyday life, and is mainly used by photographers. For example Dorothea Lange she has inspired me a lot, because she was and influential American documentary photographer and photojournalist, best known for her depression-era for the Farm Security Administration. The way she takes photos inspires me, in shooting the lifestyle of boxers. She mainly takes photos on culture and self portrait of people struggling in life. I connect with her in a way because culture could be consider part of a lifestyle too. At some point boxers do actually struggle in there training. In my personal experience boxing is tough, but it all worth it. You even meet people who constantly give you support, and guides you thru your training.

My work could be considered as culture, because it shows the life style of boxers and how there willing to come everyday to training. I accepted to do this project because I want to show what I love doing and how it will benefit me late in life. To weeks ago I decided to do boxing as my topic, because I want to show people what boxing means and how these people are really passionate by the sport they love doing. Being able to do the process for this project was first asking for permission to be able to take pictures and being able to expose the camera, he quickly approved my question to be able to do that. When I was in the process in taking pictures most boxers didn't pay attention to me nor the camera, it seemed that they were to forced in there training. Some boxers did and they even posed, and others gave it there all.

Breaking down one of my photos on page 5 would be more meaningful, then the regularly photo. For example a symbol would be his face expression its show that he's giving all he's got, and is pushing him self to his limit. Another symbol would be the name of the place Azteca Boxing Club. It means a gym were people lean to box and become a champion. My third symbol would be his boxing gloves, it symbolizes the protection for there knuckles, and being able to punch harder with out getting hurt. The forth symbol is his position he's in. It means that he has an excellent balance, and is in a good position to be able hit harder. The last symbol is the clothes he's wearing. It would mean that he's comfortable and is easy for him to be able to move around.

In conclusion, boxing can benefit you in many different ways. Being a boxer and a photographer is both a unique skill, because I get to be inspired by others, and i got the opportunity to meet new people. I truly enjoyed doing this topic. Being able to show people what I do most, and what boxing really means to me. This sport inspired me by wanting to become a girl champion, and wanted to learn how to defend my self in a way. Even though im only 5'1 I you can be amazed.