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## Response Paper

A photograph can tell you amazing story, even multiple stories. It can also be a way connecting with strangers, friends or family. One such photo is the collection of photos found by Errol Morris. Since his father died at an early age in his life he never got to make a connection with his father. His mother never really talked about his nor his brother, because of this he was curious to find out about his father. The tried to piece together the stories he heard from others, but all he really found out was he was in the military and a respected doctor. He later found a collection of photos his father had about his work and studied them for a while. He came to realize more about his father and tried to for an idea of him. He finally form a connection with his father through the photos in his collection and took his passing more seriously. This example of Errol Morris shows of some people have lost loved ones, and may not know alot about them. However from photos of that person's life they can have an idea of that person and feel more connected to them.

Another way photos can connect people is through other people's experiences expressed in the photo. The photographer Dawoud Bey showed this from his home town in Harlem. Since he was a black man in a world that criticizes more that it should it was hard growing up. He came back home and took photos of black people as they lived their lives. He tried to show that experiences that they go through. Also since his parents was in a time that black people did not have their rights, unlike today, he wanted to show how far they have come and the way they lived noe compared to the way they lived back in those times. This shows how other people can

connect to other people's experiences through photos, because by him taking these photos showed others that it is not just you who might be going through a hard time socially. That in time everything gets better and you just can not give up when life and others push you down. If the black people did that then they might not that come so far and have not rights whatsoever.

Photos can also tell amazing stories or is worth a thousand words. However some photos can only tell one story and not even worth a thousand words maybe 100, it all depends on where it is taken, who is in the photo, who is not in the photo, what angle the photo is taken from, etc. These questions are an important part of trying to figure out what the photo is trying to convey. For example a photo taken from a certain angle can convey a different story that if it was taken from another angle. Every little detail can change the context of the photo and they message it is sending.