**Inquiry Question Guidelines**

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| **What to do** | **Why to do it** |
| Begin your question with “how” or “to what extent.” | This ensures your question will be an *Inquiry* Question worth exploring rather than a *simple* or *leading* question with a too-easy, too-obvious, or yes/no answer. |
| Include a description of the kind of photograph you’re working with, including (potentially) its genre and rhetorical context. Is it an early 90s fashion photograph? A photojournalistic sports photograph from a magazine? | There are two reasons to do this: 1) it will lead you to more key terms for research, and 2) it will help you think about the bigger “So What?” for your photograph, which might be about a category of photographs (sports photos) or a certain time period (90s).  |
| Include a word related to representation (represent, portray, depict, etc.). | This ensures your question is about representation and can be answered through analysis of the photograph. |
| Identify the key issue raised by your photograph. What is at stake? | This is the “meat” of the Inquiry Question. This will help you to select course essays from which to source concepts to use in Paper 3. |

**Samples (you cannot use theses photographs for Paper 3):**

Inquiry Question 1

To what extent does the image of Seattle’s black superhero, Phoenix Jones, reflect or redefine our ideas about race and superheroes?

 

*Real-life “superhero” Phoenix Jones (Ericka Schultz, date unknown)*

Inquiry Question 2

To what extent does this photograph of Brandi Chastain, a female athlete succeeding at her sport, challenge preconceptions of athletes in North American culture? (note also that this is an iconic photograph of the sort you should avoid).



*Brandi Chastain ripping off her jersey to celebrate World Cup victory is one of the iconic moments in women's sports history. (Lacy Atkins/Associated Press)*

Inquiry Question 3

How does this image, a seemingly casual snapshot of the young royal family, depict the relationship between royalty, celebrity, and branding?



*Prince William, Kate Middleton, Prince George, and Lupo the dog on March 29, 2014. Jason Bell/Camera Press/Redux*