COMPOSITION

• Guidelines for ordering elements of a picture
• Be conscious of them when you are thinking about a picture
• Useful rules, but can be broken
• Conveying a message is more important than following a rule

There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs.

– Ansel Adams
Why is the bottom picture “better”? 
1. Rule of Thirds

- A picture should have a single strong center of interest, minimizing competing objects.
- Generally, the center of interest should not be “centered.”
- Many photographers and artists use the lines and their intersection points as key positions to place significant elements within the photo.
1. Rule of Thirds

- Place the center of interest roughly at the intersection of the “rules of thirds” lines or lined up with one of the lines.
- The most important intersection is on the top left.

try to place your subject at the intersections of your imaginary grid
1. Rule of Thirds

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1. Rule of Thirds

*Tea Plantation*. Marie Arago.
Once Upon a Night in Bagan. Dieter Waumans.
NOW…

Program the rule of thirds grid on your DSLR.

- Nikon DSLR: Look under setup menu - displays
- Canon DSLR: Menu, Live View function settings OR display button above screen to the left of the viewfinder
Camera Orientation

How was the camera held for these pictures? Why?