



# Portrait Photography Basics

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“What makes a  
great portrait?”

Use just one word!



# Photography Basics

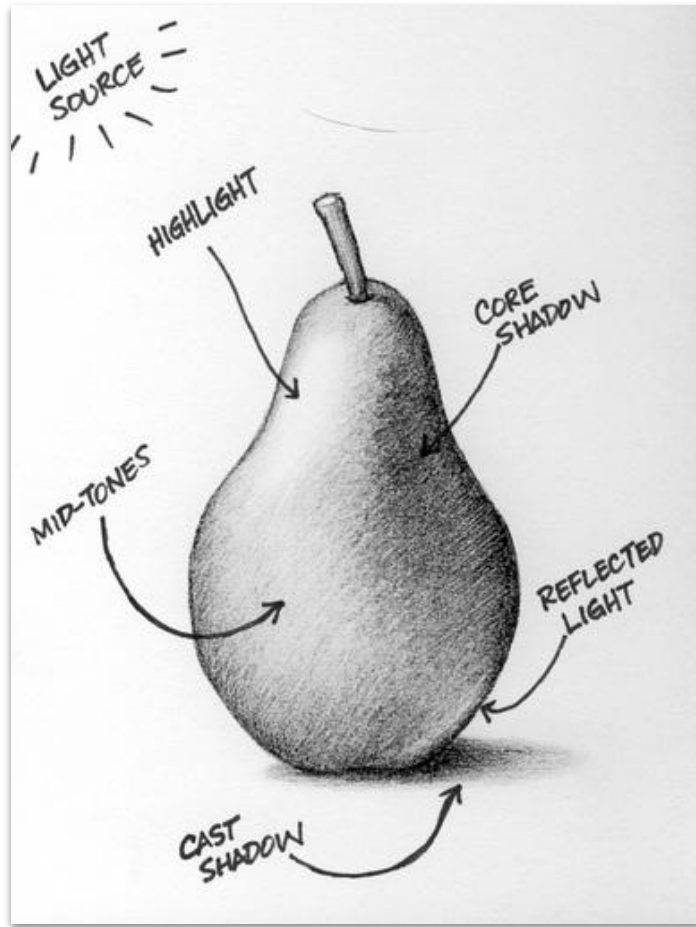
1. Exposure
2. Composition
3. Lighting

# 1. Exposure

What is a “well exposed” photo?



## Highlights, Mid tones & Shadows



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# Composition



• Background

• Middleground

• Foreground



## Rule of Thirds

Imagine that the scene you are photographing is divided into thirds, both horizontally and vertically.



# Lighting



# General Tips for Better Portraits



# Editing Apps



For iOS and  
Android



For computers  
(browser based app)