

Visual Analysis:

Orientation refers to whether a page, or an image, is horizontal or vertical. Portrait describes an image that is vertical, while landscape describes one that is horizontal. The photo below is horizontal—that is, it is wider than it is high. What does the horizontal orientation allow you to see? Describe it, to a partner or in writing.

Now imagine that you are an editor and you only have space for a vertical photo on your page. You need to decide how to crop this photo so that some part of it fits into a vertical slot. What part would you choose? You can try different “cuts” by making a frame out of paper and holding it up to the photo to define the edges of a vertical image. Choose the one you like best and explain what you like about it. Explain, too, how it differs from the horizontal photo you started with. What does the new photo convey that is the same as and/or different than the original photo shown in the article.

Common Core Standard(s) Met:

CCRA.R.7 Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.



Zouiten performs in 2019 at Berlin's Gnaoua Festival, which featured the sounds of West Africa. Photo by Iveta Rysavat.