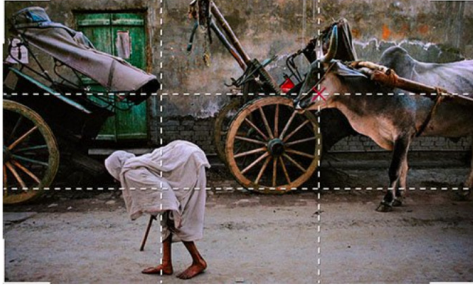


# Steve McCurry's Elements of Effective Composition

1. **Rule of Thirds:** Place points of interest on the intersections and important elements along the lines



5. **Figure to Ground:** Find a contrast between subject and background



2. **Leading Lines:** Use natural lines to lead eyes into the picture



6. **Fill the Frame:** Get close to your subjects



3. **Diagonals:** Diagonal lines create great movement



8. **Patterns and Repetition:** Patterns are aesthetically pleasing, but the best is when the pattern is interrupted



4. **Framing:** Use natural frames like windows and doors



9. **Symmetry:** Symmetry is pleasing to the eye

