

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / **Picture** / Lyric

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Title Tiananmen Square Protest: The Tank Man

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Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Studied in history last year, interesting situation; LIFE Magazine's 100 photos that changed the world

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

The Tiananmen Square Protest of 1989 is infamous and will never be forgotten. This picture is possibly the most influential picture that came out of China in that entire decade if not longer. The picture features a young man who is still unidentified standing in front of a long line of tanks, refusing to move. He refused to let force be used in killing thousands of people who were peacefully protesting.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The theme of this picture is courage. This man has courage. It takes extreme fortitude to go out in the middle of the road and stand in front of multiple tanks. He could easily have been run over or blasted out of the way, but his plan worked, and he forced the tanks to stop.



Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

This photograph was taken from a balcony, and it was smuggled out of China. It has many symbols. This man is a symbol of peaceful protest and courage. He is a symbol to all of us that we can stand up against oppression and win.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

This photograph is truly inspirational. It tells the entire world that we can stand up to oppression. If something is wrong, we can right it. We can change the world. One person can change the world. This man had the courage to get out there in front of a tank, and his picture was taken. It spread throughout the entire world in a heartbeat, and it changed the course of China's path in terms of government. Courage is poetic, especially anonymous courage that changes the world.