

Tips on Foreground - Middle Ground - Background

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Pretty Place

Using foreground, middle ground and background is a photogenic technique used to create depth and dimension to a photograph. This is especially true in Nature Photography (landscapes and wildlife). A great landscape photo should create the illusion of depth. This in turn will make the photo more interesting and eye-catching.

	<p>The foreground is the part of the photo that is closest to the camera. The background is the part of the image that is further way from the camera. So by default the middle ground is what is in the middle.</p>	
	<p>In landscape photography everything in the frame is part of the photo</p>	
	<p>In portrait and/or macro photography there may be no middle ground, everything is on the subject with the background blurred out.</p>	
	<p>You can use lines (a road) to create depth. In the case of Monument Valley (left), note that the road is the foreground, the mountains are middle ground and the sky is the background. The Golden Gate bridge is the middle ground.</p>	
	<p>Sometimes there is no middle ground, just foreground and background.</p>	
	<p>Sometime there is no real difference between the foreground, middle ground and/or background</p>	<p>Mammoth Cave NP</p>