

🌳 B Grade — *Boy on a Tyre*

1. Initial Impression

A lively, nostalgic silhouette capturing a moment of childhood freedom. The pose is expressive, the tyre reads clearly, and the framing through the branches adds a natural vignette. It's playful and well-timed, with a strong sense of movement.



2. Technical score: 3.5 / 5

- The silhouette is mostly clean and well defined
- Exposure is well handled; the sky holds tone without blowing out
- Some leaf edges are slightly soft, likely from movement
- Good sharpness on the main subject

3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- The child's pose is dynamic and readable
- The tyre sits nicely in the lower third
- Branches frame the subject effectively
- The top of the frame is a little busy; a slight crop could simplify

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3.5 / 5

- Strong sense of play, movement, and childhood energy
- The silhouette communicates emotion through gesture
- Impact is good, though not quite at standout level

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A classic subject, but handled with personality
- Good awareness of timing and framing
- Shows solid B-Grade maturity

🎯 **Total Score: 13.5 / 20**

🏆 **Award: Merit**

! Why Not a Higher Award

The silhouette is strong, but the busy upper frame and slight softness in the foliage reduce overall clarity and polish, keeping it below the higher award levels.

🌴 B Grade — *Entangled*

1. Initial Impression

A bold, graphic silhouette of dense foliage set against a dramatic sunset sky. The strong colour gradient adds atmosphere, and the overlapping leaf shapes create an intricate, almost abstract pattern. It's visually striking and immediately reads as a silhouette.



2. Technical Quality score: 3.5 / 5

- Clean, solid blacks in the foliage
- Excellent exposure control — the sky retains rich colour without clipping
- Some leaf edges merge together, reducing clarity in places
- No visible noise or artefacts

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The diagonal sweep of leaves creates movement and energy
- The colour gradient provides a strong backdrop
- The frame is quite busy, with limited breathing room
- A more defined focal point would strengthen the design

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3.5 / 5

- Strong visual impact due to colour and density
- Storytelling is more atmospheric than narrative
- The mood is dramatic and tropical, but the subject feels anonymous

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A fresh take on the silhouette brief using foliage rather than figures
- The colour palette elevates the mood
- Creativity is present, though the composition leans toward pattern rather than story

🎯 Total Score: 13 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

! Why Not a Higher Award

The image is visually striking, but the dense, busy composition and lack of a clear focal point reduce clarity and storytelling strength.

🌅 B Grade — In the Dark

1. Initial Impression

A peaceful, moody silhouette of a lone tree set against a glowing dusk horizon. The strong contrast between the dark tree form and the warm sky creates an immediate sense of calm and transition. It reads clearly as a silhouette and fits the brief well.

2. Technical Quality score: 3.5 / 5

- Solid, clean blacks in the tree
- Good exposure control — the sky holds colour without clipping
- Slight softness in the finer branches
- No distracting noise in the sky



3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- The tree is well placed and fills the frame with interesting shape
- The glowing horizon adds depth and mood
- The top of the frame becomes quite heavy due to dense foliage
- A little more breathing room around the edges would help balance

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3.5 / 5

- Strong atmosphere — quiet, reflective, end-of-day mood
- The silhouette communicates through shape rather than detail
- Impact is gentle rather than dramatic

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A classic silhouette subject handled with care
- The colour gradient adds emotional warmth
- Creativity is solid but not standout

🎯 Total Score: 13.5 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

! Why Not a Higher Award

The dense upper foliage and slight softness in the finer branches reduce clarity and compositional refinement, keeping it below the higher award levels.

🛟 B Grade — Future Lifeguards

1. Initial Impression

A lively beach scene with strong gesture and clear storytelling. The silhouetted figures are energetic and readable, and the bright water behind them provides a clean backdrop that supports the silhouette effect. The mood is playful and summery, with good separation between the main subjects.



2. Technical Quality score: 3.5 / 5

- The silhouettes are mostly clean and well defined
- Exposure is handled well; the water highlights are bright but controlled
- Some mid-tones remain in the clothing, softening the silhouette effect
- Good sharpness across the frame

3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- The two foreground figures create a strong focal point
- The group behind adds context without overwhelming the frame
- The horizon is well placed and doesn't cut through heads
- The right side of the frame is slightly busy

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3.5 / 5

- Clear narrative: teamwork, training, and youthful energy
- The gestures of the children on boards are expressive and engaging
- Impact is good, though not dramatic

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A fresh take on the silhouette brief using a group activity

- Strong sense of place and purpose
- Creativity is solid, though the scene is more documentary than artistic

🎯 Total Score: 13.5 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

! Why Not a Higher Award

Some mid-tones remain in the figures, reducing silhouette purity, and the right side of the frame becomes slightly busy, lowering overall impact and refinement.

🌅 B Grade — Sunrise

1. Initial Impression

A striking, high-impact silhouette with a glowing horizon that immediately draws the eye. The lone tree stands boldly against the intense colour gradient, creating a dramatic and atmospheric scene. It reads instantly as a silhouette and fits the brief cleanly.

2. Technical Quality score: 4 / 5

- Strong, clean blacks in the tree and foreground
- Excellent exposure control — the sky holds rich colour without clipping
- Some fine branches merge into dense areas, reducing detail
- No visible noise or artefacts



3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- The tree is well positioned and has a pleasing, recognisable shape
- The glowing horizon adds depth and visual drama
- The upper foliage becomes heavy, creating a slightly top-weighted frame
- A touch more breathing room on the sides would enhance balance

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 4 / 5

- Strong emotional tone — peaceful, dramatic, end-of-day atmosphere
- The silhouette communicates clearly through shape and placement
- Impact is high due to the intense colour gradient

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3.5 / 5

- A classic silhouette subject handled with confidence

- The bold colour palette elevates the mood
- Creativity is solid, though the scene is familiar

🎯 Total Score: 15 / 20

🏆 Award: Commended

! Why Not a Higher Award

The dense upper foliage and slight merging of fine branches reduce clarity and compositional refinement, keeping it just below the top award tier.

🏠 B Grade — *Standing Out*

1. Initial Impression

A bold and dramatic tree silhouette set against a glowing horizon. The colour gradient is rich and eye-catching, and the tree shape reads clearly. It's an immediate, high-impact silhouette with strong mood.

2. Technical Quality score: 3.5 / 5

- Deep, clean blacks in the silhouette
- Excellent exposure control in the sky
- Some fine branches merge into darker masses
- No distracting noise or artefacts

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The tree is well positioned and recognisable
- The horizon glow adds depth and drama
- Upper foliage becomes visually heavy
- Slightly tight framing on the sides

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3.5 / 5

- Strong emotional tone and atmosphere
- Immediate silhouette readability
- High colour impact



5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A classic silhouette subject handled confidently
- Colour palette elevates the mood
- Familiar scene but well executed

🎯 Total Score: 13 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

! Why Not a Higher Award

The upper foliage becomes visually heavy, reducing refinement in the silhouette shape.

🐦 B Grade — Watching the Show

1. Initial Impression

A gentle, peaceful silhouette capturing birds perched on power lines against a soft, glowing evening sky. The simplicity of the scene works in its favour, and the single bird in flight adds a touch of movement and narrative. It reads clearly as a silhouette and fits the brief well.



2. Technical Quality score: 3.5 / 5

- Clean silhouettes with good edge definition
- Exposure is well controlled; the sky holds colour and gradient
- Slight softness in the flying bird
- No distracting noise or artefacts

3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- The diagonal lines create strong visual flow
- The spacing of the perched birds adds rhythm
- The flying bird adds interest but sits close to the lower edge
- A little more sky below would improve balance

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3.5 / 5

- Quiet, observational storytelling
- The contrast between stillness and motion adds subtle interest

- Impact is gentle rather than dramatic

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A simple but effective silhouette subject
- The diagonal lines and bird arrangement add personality
- Creativity is solid, though the scene is familiar

🎯 Total Score: 13.5 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

! Why Not a Higher Award

The flying bird sits close to the lower edge, and the overall impact remains gentle rather than strong or dramatic, keeping it below the higher award tiers.

🦉 B Grade — Devil in the Detail

1. Initial Impression

A bold and intriguing environmental portrait that blends a real person with a striking mural behind them. The monochrome treatment adds mood and cohesion, and the subject's styling — hair knots, glasses, scarf, exposed shoulder — creates a strong character presence. The mural's horned figure adds tension and narrative, giving the image its title and edge.



2. Technical Quality score: 3.5 / 5

- Good sharpness on the subject's face and hair
- Tonal range is well handled, with clean blacks and midtones
- Slight highlight lift on the shoulder, but not distracting
- Background mural detail is retained without overpowering

3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- Strong placement of the subject slightly off-centre
- The mural figure sits well behind, creating layered storytelling
- Good use of negative space on the right
- Slight tension where the horn aligns closely with the subject's head

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 4 / 5

- Immediate impact due to the contrast between human and mural

- The subject's expression and styling add personality
- The “devil” figure behind creates a playful, edgy narrative
- Impact is strong for B Grade

5. Creativity & Originality score: 4 / 5

- Very strong creativity — the mural interaction elevates the portrait
- Original concept for B Grade
- Confident use of monochrome to unify elements

 **Total Score: 15 / 20**

 **Award: Commended**

 **Why Not a Higher Award**

The slight alignment of the horn with the subject's head creates a small visual merge, reducing compositional refinement.

B Grade — Liquid

1. Initial Impression

A striking black-and-white moment capturing a swimmer poised just before submerging. The gesture of holding the nose adds personality and immediacy, while the rippled water surface creates strong texture and tonal interest. This is a clean, well-timed study of human interaction with water.



2. Technical Quality score: 3.5 / 5

- Good sharpness on the swimmer's face and upper body
- Water texture is well rendered with strong contrast
- Highlights on the water verge on bright but remain controlled
- Slight softness in the lower frame, but acceptable for B Grade

3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- The swimmer is well placed, with the gesture becoming the focal point
- The water's patterns create a dynamic backdrop
- Slightly tight on the right side, reducing breathing room
- Strong tonal separation between subject and water

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 4 / 5

- The gesture adds humour and relatability
- Strong sense of anticipation — a moment just before action
- Impact is solid and immediate
- Story is simple but effective

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3.5 / 5

- A familiar subject, but the gesture elevates it
- Monochrome treatment enhances mood and texture
- Confident execution for B Grade

🎯 Total Score: 14.5 / 20

🏆 Award: Commended

! Why Not a Higher Award

The composition is slightly tight on the right side, limiting balance and refinement.

🌀 B Grade — Magic Moments

1. Initial Impression

A gentle, heartfelt beach moment between an adult and a child, beautifully grounded by their reflections in the wet sand. The scene feels authentic and unposed, capturing the quiet magic of shared time at the shoreline. The soft light and calm water add to the tenderness of the moment.

2. Technical Quality score: 3.5 / 5

- Good exposure with detail in both figures
- Reflections are clear and well handled
- Background figures are slightly bright but not overly distracting
- Sharpness is adequate for B Grade, though not crisp



3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- Strong emotional centre created by the two main figures
- Reflections add balance and visual interest
- Horizon and wave line sit comfortably in the frame
- Background swimmers pull a little attention away from the main subjects

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 4 / 5

- Emotional storytelling is the strongest element
- The adult's posture and the child's stance create a lovely connection
- The beach setting enhances the sense of memory and nostalgia
- Impact is warm and relatable

5. Creativity & Originality Creativity score: 3.5 / 5

- A familiar subject, but handled with sincerity
- The reflections elevate the image
- Creativity is gentle rather than bold

🎯 Total Score: 14.5 / 20

🏆 Award: Commended

! Why Not a Higher Award

Background swimmers compete slightly with the main subjects, reducing compositional refinement.



B Grade — *Samba Skeleton*

1. Initial Impression

A bold, high-energy portrait capturing the vibrancy of a festival or parade. The skull makeup, red hat, and direct pointing gesture create immediate engagement. The background performers add context and rhythm, reinforcing the lively atmosphere.



2. Technical Quality Technical score: 3.5 / 5

- Strong sharpness on the main subject's face and hand
- Colours are vivid and well controlled
- Background is slightly busy but still readable
- Exposure is handled well across bright costumes

3. Composition & Design Composition score: 3.5 / 5

- The pointing gesture creates a powerful lead-in
- Subject is well isolated despite the busy environment
- Background figures add energy but compete slightly for attention
- Good use of depth and layering

4. Impact & Storytelling Impact score: 4 / 5

- Very strong impact — the gesture and costume demand attention
- Clear festival narrative
- The subject's expression and stance add personality
- High engagement for B Grade

5. Creativity & Originality Creativity score: 4 / 5

- Excellent use of costume, gesture, and colour
- The direct engagement with the viewer is a creative strength
- Originality is strong within the parade genre

🎯 Total Score: 15 / 20

🏆 Award: Commended

! Why Not a Higher Award

The busy background competes slightly with the main subject, reducing compositional refinement.



B Grade — *Sunset*

1. Initial Impression

A dramatic and colourful sky study with rich gradients of orange, pink, purple, and deep blue. The silhouetted treeline anchors the scene and enhances the intensity of the sky. This is a classic sunset image with strong mood and visual appeal.



2. Technical Quality score: 4 / 5

- Excellent colour saturation without clipping
- Smooth tonal transitions across the sky
- Silhouettes are clean and well defined
- Slight noise in the darker areas, but minor

3. Composition & Design score: 3.5 / 5

- Strong horizon placement, allowing the sky to dominate
- Side branches frame the scene nicely
- The lower third is very dark, creating a heavy base
- Sky shapes are dynamic and well balanced

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 4 / 5

- High impact due to colour intensity
- The mood is peaceful and contemplative
- Story is simple but effective — a moment of natural beauty
- Strong emotional resonance for B Grade

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3.5 / 5

- A familiar subject, but handled with care
- Creativity lies in timing and colour capture
- Not highly original, but confidently executed



Total Score: 15 / 20



Award: Commended



Why Not a Higher Award

The very dark lower third creates a heavy base that reduces compositional refinement.