

Introduction to Adobe Photoshop
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Hero Portrait

This project is going to have you create “art” using Photoshop. You need to find a quote by a famous person, living or dead, and a good portrait of that person. The image can be black and white or color and the quality needs to be good enough so you can enlarge it to about 8” x 10.5” and still see detail in the outline and shading.

To create the portrait follow these steps.

Step One: Create a new project that is 8” x 10.5” and 300 dpi.

Step Two: Copy your portrait of your hero and place in a new layer. Enlarge it (BUT DO NOT DISTORT IT) so it fills the project area. Name this layer “photo”.

Step Three: Create a new layer and call it “outline”. Trace the main features of the person using the brush tool or the pencil tool set to “**hard round 9 pixels**”.

Include all the lines you need to define the edges of the person, not just the outlines. You should lower the opacity of the “photo” layer to about 65% so you can see your drawing better.

Step Four: Create a new layer and call it “hair”. Add the color and value of the hair using the brush tool and/or airbrush tool (available in the palette bar once you have selected the brush tool.) Play around with the “Flow” and “Opacity” to get the most interesting effects. Use the Color Picker to choose varying shades of colors. You should also experiment with various blending tools. It is up to you to create the painting. It will not look like a photo, but a painting. I am especially interested in seeing how you create shading (blended) techniques.

Step Five: Continue painting all the features of your hero. BE SURE TO CREATE A NEW LAYER FOR EACH FEATURE (i.e. face, shirt, background, etc.) The more you paint on separate layers, the more flexibility you will have.

Step Six: Add the text of the quote, along with the name of the person, to the image. Be sure to use any layer styles needed to make the quote readable.

