

Lesson Title: **Putting an image in type**

Curriculum: **Art**

Grade-Level Span: **3 –5, 6–8 and 9–12**

Prerequisites: **Basic Knowledge of Adobe Photoshop 7, CS or Elements**

Atomiclearning Video Lessons: **View lessons as needed for understanding concept and tools.**

Adobe Photoshop CS (techniques are backward compatible to Photoshop 6)

A. Basics: **8 and 10**

B. Graphic Tools: **8**

C. Selection Specifics: **1**

D. Working With Layers: **11**

Washington State EALR Correlation:

The Arts: **1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2 and 4.5**

National Education Technology Standards for Students – Performance Indicators:

Grades 3–5: **1, 4, 5 and 9**

Grades 6–8: **4, 5, 6, 8**

Grades 9–12: **1, 3, 5**

Purpose:

- 1. To be artistically creative using technology.**
- 2. Give students opportunities to gain employable art and technology skills.**

Description:

This lesson involves creating a type layer and then placing an image into that type.

Activities:

- 1. Learn how to modify a type layer.**
- 2. Learn how to use the grouping mode. .**
- 3. Follow the steps in the handout to create a final product.**

Tools and Resources:

**Computer with Photo editing software (preferably, Photoshop 6, 7, CS and Elements)
Image files (computer with Internet access).**

Assessment:

Teacher created rubric

Credits:

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PUTTING AN IMAGE IN TYPE

THE DESERT

Step One: Open a new document in RGB mode (Width: 8.5 in. Height: 3 in. and Resolution: 150). Press the letter “d” to set your foreground color to black. Create some large display-sized type (Tall thick typefaces work well for this effect) I used **Arial Black 80**. Click on the Move Tool. This will put a selection box around the type. Increase the height of the text by using the center handles. I made the type 1.5 in. tall



Step Two: Open the image you want to put inside your type. Switch to the Move tool by pressing the letter “v,” then click-and-hold on this image and drag-and-drop it into your original document. This should give you three layers: (1) your Background layer, (2) your Type layer, and (3) a layer with the image that you want clipped into your type.

Step Three: Make sure you top layer (the image) is active (click on it in the Layers palette) then press Command-G (PC: Control-G) and your image will now appear inside your type.



Step Four: You can now reposition your image within your type by clicking-and-dragging with the Move tool. To undo this effect, press Shift-Command-G (PC: Shift-Control-G).



Step Five: In most cases, it helps if you add a drop shadow to your Type layer to better define the edges of your letters (plus it looks cool). Click on the Type layer (in the Layers palette), then add the drop shadow by choosing Low Drop Shadow from the Styles and Effects palette).