Lesson 7: Design Application: Making your own personal backgrounds

From this week's lesson forward, our design will be conceptualized in paper and then applied digitally. In this lesson, the following are points that needs to be met:

- Applying the student's knowledge in the basic tools in Photoshop.
- Experience lay outing their first artwork.
- Express creativity using various picture in the web

Culminate: **Seatwork for the whole lesson**
Let us look at some of the following pictures. What can we make use of it?

Connect: **Intro for lessons**
Today, I will introduce you to an alternative in getting pictures in the internet. As of today, we are always fond of downloading pictures using our browser, typically Google.com. but do you know what, just grabbing any picture in the internet without looking at it carefully may lead us to copyright issues(it will be discussed next week). Posting a licensed picture from the internet without proper credit may lead you to danger. So our CONNECT for this week will lead us to our discussion about finding a right picture to get and introducing you to a website where you can grab a photo without copyright issues. First let us look at solutions in selecting a clean picture(with copyright).

1. Look at the lower center tab in your browser. Almost always there is a prompt that tells you about the status of the picture. Sometimes this displays a warning that your picture might have a copyright issue.
2. Check for watermarks. When you download a picture, you will notice that some of them has white marking with opacity(a lighter translucent control in design programs). This is what you call watermarks, it is placed in pictures so that people cannot just grab and use their photos.
3. Look for prompts. Sometimes websites will give you a warning about the content you are grabbing or viewing. Some of them are locked, you cannot use your right click and save as images. Some of them will give you a preview or a low resolution of that file so that you can view a sample of it.

There are other programs in the World Wide Web that gives us free to download pictures and PEXELS.com is one of them. To give you a background, here Is something about them.
https://www.pexels.com/about/

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Compu-Bits: **Added information/discussion for the lesson**
Copyright is actually a classification of a status of anything in the world. There are creators who patent their work. Patenting is a ruling body that helps a creator be credited with his work. The Creator then sells it to someone, making a profit from it. This is a dispute called Paid vs. free, in which all can be used but you must pay for it.
This is evident in the following issues:
- Apparel such as Clothing line, wherein they sue someone getting their own design
- Photos, in which others use for their own monetary gain.
- And sometimes write ups. In which you are practiced doing in research papers.

Check-Up   **Assignments to be done at home**
For our Computerized Activity this week, please gather the following and compile in a flash drive.
- **Sample background, reference from what you will create.**
- **Pictures that you will use for the activity.**
Computerized Activity: **Hands-on Exercises**

The task for this week is to design your own personal background for your mobile phones or your Personal Computer. All of the instructions will be instructed by your teacher.

Check-Up   **Assignments to be done at home**