

Lesson 5: Photoshop Essentials

The goal of our lesson for this week are:

- Educate the students on the history of Photoshop
- Look at the buttons in the tool box and practice how it functions.
- Practice using the tool box in a hands-on activity

Connect: Intro for lessons

At this point of our lesson we will look at the main program we will use, Photoshop. But before we dive in, let us look at first the history of Photoshop. We will look at a video that will teach us the roots of Photoshop. The title of the video is "Startup Memories -- The Beginning of Photoshop."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtzFvRjrvXM>

Context Lesson Proper

Culminate: Seatwork for the whole lesson

Imagine you are to repair the dripping water coming from the roof of your house, what will you use?

Computerized Activity: Hands-on Exercises

Now we will look at the most used part of Photoshop, the toolbox. If you used other Adobe products, such as Illustrator or InDesign, you should be familiar with the toolbox in Adobe Photoshop CS4 as it shares some of the tools from these applications. If you are a novice user of Adobe products, you should keep in mind that you might not need to use all of the tools. In this lesson, only the basic tools will be discussed in depth.

For our lesson today, our task is to define the following toolbox buttons. Our goal is to write our own understandable definition of the following.

Marquee

Move

Lasso

Polygonal

Lasso

Magnetic Lasso

Magic Wand

Crop Tool

Slice Tool

Select the tool

Healing Brush

Brush Tool

Clone Stamp

Art History Brush

Erase Tool

Paint Bucket Tool

Gradient Tool

Blur Tool

Type Tool

Pen Tool

Rectangle Tool

Direct Selection Tool

Eyedropper Tool

Hand Tool

Magnifying

Rotate View Tool

Check-Up Assignments to be done at home.

Research for the keyboard shortcuts for every tool.

Compu-Bits: Added information/discussion for the lesson

The best weapon to master Photoshop is mastering when to use every tool in the toolbox and to memorize the shortcuts. You will be a Photoshop Wizards afterwards.

<https://www.photoshopessentials.com/basics/photoshop-cs4/interface/>