

Post Production Assignments - IB

The purpose of this assignment is to ensure that you are using more advanced techniques on Photoshop (or another digital editing program) or in the darkroom.

You are required to put these assignments on flickr. IB students must include them in their IWBs. You are required to do four of these in the first term. The edited images you create can certainly (and expected to) be included in your normal studio assignment submissions on flickr.

What does this assignment involve?

1. First, determine what type of post productions you wish to use. You must be doing four different kinds of techniques to get credit. Where to find techniques?
 - A. Ask fellow students
 - B. Go online and research alternative post production techniques in the darkroom or Photoshop (or Picasa, Gimp, etc.). www.photoshopesentials.com is a GREAT resource for this. I have a bunch of tutorials from this website in my cabinet – but there are many more online. YouTube has explanations. I have several books on darkroom and digital imaging techniques.
 - C. Ask your teachers (Menk-dog and Lindy)
 - D. Ask other experienced photographers.
2. These should be more involved techniques (not just adjusting the color or levels on Photoshop, or using a filter on a darkroom image). I would expect you to be using adjustment layers, montage techniques, multiple layers, selections, etc. in digital editing. However, if you plan to be learning more about Curves in Photoshop, for example, you can turn in the same image several times with various adjustments to curves.
3. When you upload your images to flickr, you must include the image(s) you used before you edited them and then the edited image. For darkroom, you can scan the negative if you prefer not to print out the image in full before post-production. You must also take a screen shot of the image opened up in Photoshop with the layers or adjustment window open and post this on flickr with your before and after images.
4. When is this due? You must be done with all four by _____.
5. There must be four separate sets on flickr labeled like this: PPA 1, PPA 2, PPA 3, PPA 4 (PPA stands for Post Production Assignment). If perchance if one of your PPA takes a very long time, it can count for two with teacher approval given first.

How to make a screen shot and save it?

1. On a PC, have your image open on Photoshop and make sure all of the adjustment layers or adjustment window are showing. Strike the Print Screen button on your keyboard.
2. Go to the File tab on Photoshop and select "New". It will say "Clipboard" in the Preset box. Click "OK" and the image will screen shot will appear on a PSD. Save the file as a JPEG and then upload it to your set on flickr.
3. You can also use other programs such as Paint to open and save your screen shot.