

Masked Banner Assignment

Part 1

Create a new photoshop file that is 900 pixels wide by 400 pixels high. Make the resolution 72 dpi and 8 bit depth. Save this file with the the name “yourlastname”first initial”banner.psd.

Find a scenic blue sky for an upper background. Resize and drag in place as needed to fit the upper half of your file space.

Find a bold and thick looking font for your name. Type your name and adjust things so that you complete name, first and last (+ middle if so desired) fits across the length of your file. Your name should be at least 850 pixels wide. Then use the text warping tool to give your name a more unique look, arch, arc, wave, etc.

Create a customized clipping mask. Out of your photos, photos choose at least four that represent you or your favorite activities. You can bring in additional photos if so desired for the assignment. Save these work photos under different names, so they are work copies. Using the masking marking tool, select out of the photo only the part that most closely represents you or your favorite activity. Take each of your four (or more if needed) activity photos and paste it into the banner file. Move the photo parts around so that there is room for each and so that your text is complete covered over with these photos.

When you are satisfied with the blend, flatten all of the activity photos into one layer using the Merge Layers command. Once your have done this, make sure that the merged photos are in the layer just above the layer with your name. Use the create clipping mask command to combine the text with the photos. After completing the clipping mask, use some outline, outer glow or shadow to give your name more emphasis.

When you have completed this much work, your banner is ready for the first grading stage.

Part II

After you have gotten the first part of the banner completed and okayed by the instructor you are ready to continue.

Find a photo with a dark textured section or create a filled rectangle that is 900 px wide and 200 pz high. Copy in the fill idea and used the move tool to place it below your name text. You will probably need to move this layer so it is just above your sky background layer.

To complete the banner you will now need to assemble 4-5 photos of activities that you like to participate in. One photo needs to be of you.

The photos will need some preparation prior to use in your banner. Adjust each one for level, brightness, etc. Crop unwanted portions of each photo. Suggestion: work from copies so that you don't accidentally mess up your original photo. Resize each photo so that it will fit within the dark background. Put your personal photo in the center. Use borders for the photos to set them

out from the background. You could set up shapes behind each photo to do this, or use the line tool. Use the rotate feature in the transform menu so that the photos don't all look "square in a row".

When all of the photos are placed, create one more text string, in a small point size that describes the activities in the pictures. You don't need a description for yourself. Set the text apart from the background with outer glow or a similar effect.