

# Self-Portrait

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## Specs:

Image Size: 8" x 10"

(students may submit alternative formats within printer parameters)

File Format: Photoshop (PSD); 200 ppi resolution

Output: Color print mounted neatly on black groundsheet

## Description:

Students will be expected to utilize multiple images and creative effects of Photoshop in order to create a non-traditional self-portrait. Although images of the student are not required, the capabilities of the program should be utilized to create an image that focuses on the character and personality of the artist in a graphically cohesive and dynamic composition.

There is no maximum or minimum number of elements, **but at least one scanned element must be included in the composition.** *(This requirement will be waived for the this semester)*

## Preparations:

As you prepare images for the project, please make sure the image quality is suitable for print.

To check the resolution of your images in Photoshop go to Image> Image Size

For reference, the 8 x 10 file at 200ppi is 1600 x 2000 pixels.

Any images intended for background use should be at least a maximum dimension of 2000 pixels.

(When using advanced Google image search use settings from 2-4MP or greater.)

Keep in mind that sites such as Facebook resize images and are only acceptable for small scale usage in the composition.

When downloading images from iPhone make sure to select actual size or they will be optimized to a smaller size.

To transfer files from Apple laptops, students can use iCloud remote viewing, but AirDrop is not supported on Lehigh computers. Students can also copy files via USB devices or retrieve files from Google Drive or other online storage.

Take some time and prepare good quality images for the project. The majority of images should be scanned or digitally photographed and images downloaded from the internet must be of suitable resolution.

## Project Due Date:

Project should be completed and posted on the blog with the required categories for critique on **Wednesday March 24.**

The final file should be flattened and reduced to 72ppi and saved as a jpeg before uploading.

