

## Learning Activity 25: Show What You Know

### Learning Behaviours:

Teacher: WDT

DATE:

Class: 8E

### Learning Activity Description : My World Tutorial No 2

Students are to use Photoshop and a blank file (page) to create an image of a planet in a starry background. Text is also included.

#### *Make My World – Photoshop Tutorial*

Open Photoshop

Choose black for your background.

File > new > (change to cm) > width 15cm – height 15cm – resolution 75 pixels/cm > RGB colour > OK

Add noise (stars)

Filter > noise > add noise - tick monochromatic – experiment with the amount > OK. (If you tick preview, you can view your experimental actions).

Create a new layer – layer > new layer > OK

Change the marquee from square to circle (elliptical marquee - right click onto marquee)

Click / hold and drag to make the circle for the planet centre with arrows at right.

Fill in the planet with a gradient – select gradient tool and experiment here.

Make the planet look more 3d by - filter > distort > spherize (Do this a few times)

Make your planet more interesting – filter > render > difference cloud

Include some atmospheric lighting – filter > render > lighting effects – experiment here with the many options

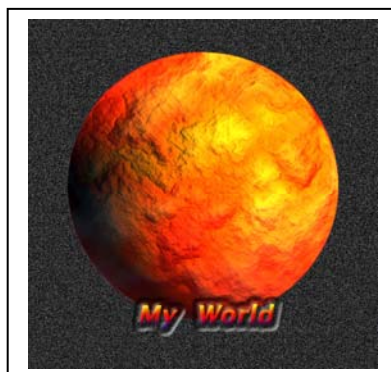
Select – deselect

Add text – T – click and drag

Include appropriate text that is in keeping with the planet. Add a shadow - layer > layer style > drop shadow. This will enable styles to appear. These can be used to enhance your text.

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Save your world in your file.



### Discussion Tool: Examples of Previous Work.

Students were shown some examples of the My World Tutorials and the tutorial was shown to the class via Multi Media Projector. Web/Network site – Self-paced tutorials.

Students also talked about what design/Photoshop skills they had already used.

### Student Comments:

The students were very engaged in this tutorial as it is very 'Specky'! Students filled out a quick survey in their books that included new Photoshop tools that they had used.

### **Teacher Journal:**

This was chosen as the next practical tutorial – as many of 8E had seemed to grasp the Photoshop tools etc. This is a fairly complicated design – normally given to Year 10 Graphics elective students. To help work through the new Photoshop elements, students were also shown a self-paced Photoshop tutorial web site, available on the schools' network.

We also discussed “How we learn”, with particular emphasis on ‘not asking me for help every time they can't remember or don't know a specific command, but rather helping each other. This was done relatively well. Some of the students have some sound prior knowledge and experience with this software and were very helpful. (Although, I fear that these ‘experts’ were just replacements of me – and the kids who didn't know options/commands – etc – still didn't learn anything.

The “My World” tutorial proved to be very popular design wise. These were printed off and pasted into Photoshop books with some pride. There were some excellent designs among them.

I think this was the main Photoshop tutorial that 8E enjoyed – instead of ‘doing’ regular Graphics. They see other Year 8 classes' GC work and wonder what they are missing. “My World” makes up for this!