

Learning Activity 26

Learning Behaviours: New and Old Knowledge

Teacher: WDT

DATE:

Class: 8E

Learning Activity Description : Bookmark Tutorial

Students use a tutorial to design a bookmark with their name.

Photoshop - Tutorial No 3 - Bookmark
Show Me What You Know!

Open Photoshop. Double click onto the Photoshop logo

Make a new file > *file* > *new* > *set the measurement on cm* > *21 cm width* > *7 cm height* > *click contents background colour* > *Ok*.

Your work will appear in the colour of the background fill.

Click onto paint bucket/gradient tool to show the gradient tool. Some adjustments may be needed - at the top of the page - adjust the mode to normal and the Opacity to 100%

To experiment with different colours, click the arrow on the gradient bar.

When you are happy with the gradient background, save it - File> Save as> my book mark> in your file on the J drive> _8E Graphics > find your file > check that it is a Photoshop file.

Now - type your name > type tool click and drag over the area that you want your name to go in. You may need to adjust the font size and style - at the top of the page. Change the size to about 150 pt. Choose a font that is bold like Matisse. You can experiment here > highlight your name and change the font.

Don't worry about the colour.

Change and experiment with the layer style >Layer> layer style > click drop shadow (all the option will appear). Styles will now appear on the right palette - these can be changed and experimented with - there are many options.

Save your work for colour printing.



Discussion Tool: Font Styles, Lettering Layout.

Students were also shown a slide show of wonderful images that reflected what can be achieved this software. Because 8E had made a bookmark in Graphics, they had already gained an understanding of font design, colour and pattern etc – so they felt this was an easy topic.

A simple survey was included for students to write down prior and new knowledge.

Student Comments:

This was a very simple, free design that students enjoyed as there were no major challenges. 8E seem to like their tutorials to be straight forward, and are happy to just do what is required. (And not much more)

Teacher Journal:

To fit into the year 8 Graphics course, students worked through a fairly simple tutorial that was based on the use of prior knowledge – i.e. producing backgrounds and gradients, and new knowledge, use of text and fonts. Layer styles were also introduced.

Students really enjoyed this simple design tutorial, as it was very easy, and it was still very relevant to the general Graphics year 8 course. A bookmark was also designed in the traditional manner in their regular GC class.