



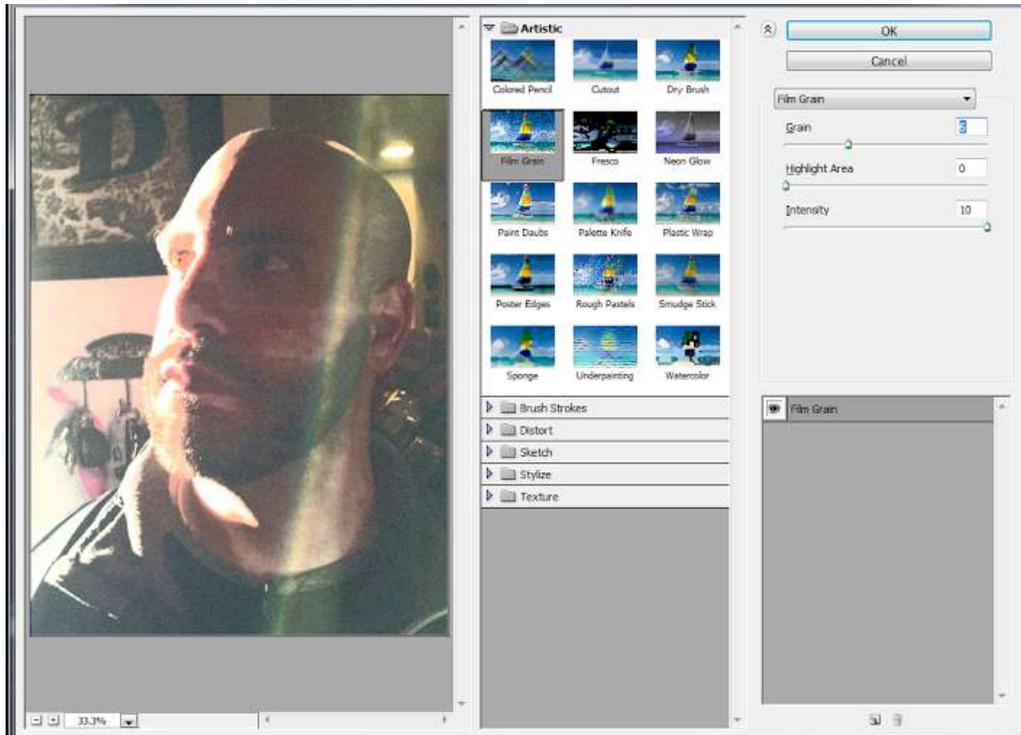
Comic Book Portrait

1. Open Photoshop
2. Click File → Open and surf to your folder and find your picture and open it
3. Your picture is currently in .jpg format, so let's save it as a Photoshop file – click File → Save As and surf to your student folder and into a new Comic book folder
4. Make sure Format is set to Photoshop and click Save
5. Using Hue/Saturation, Brightness/Contrast, and Levels make your photo more contrasted and more saturated:



6. Duplicate the background layer by Right-clicking it and choosing Duplicate Layer
7. Name the new layer “Grain” (remember that it is always a good idea to leave your Background layer alone and make modifications to copies of it in the event you make a catastrophic error and need to start over with the original image)

8. **Click on the Grain Layer**_then click on Filter → Filter gallery. Then go to Artistic and click Film Grain. You want the darks to have noise but not too much (4-8 on grain works well). Make sure intensity is at a 10

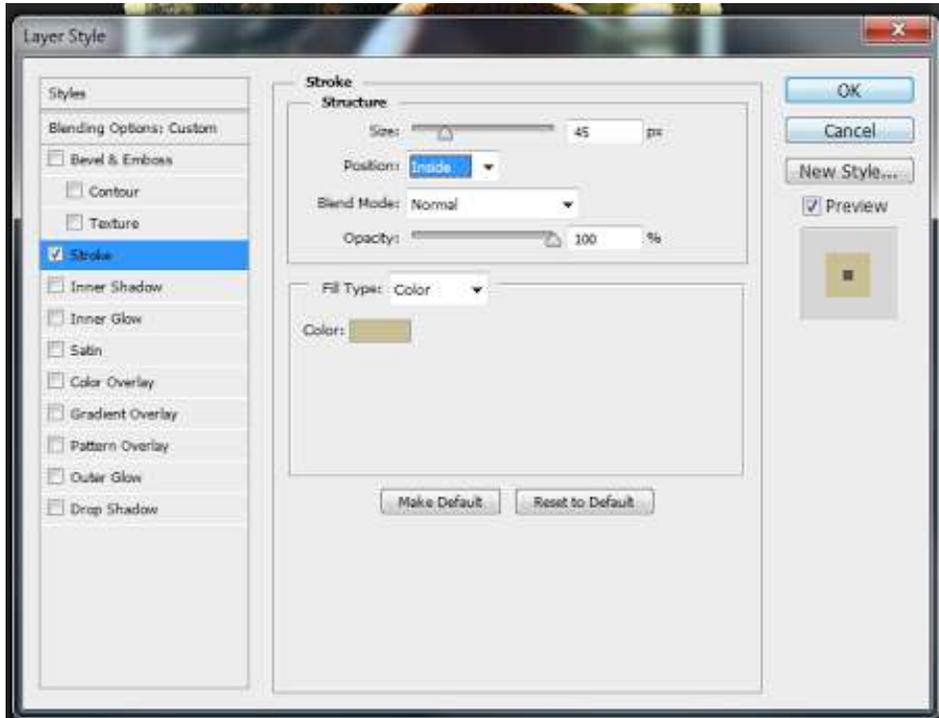


9. **Duplicate the Grain layer and name it Dots**

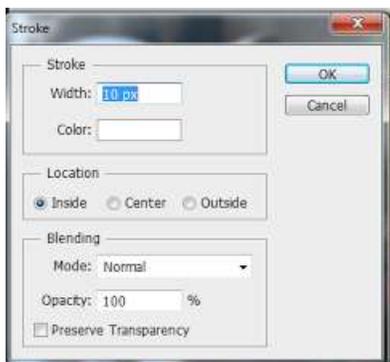
10. We are going to apply a filter called Halftone to give the image the dot-like appearance common in comic books; click Filter → Pixelate and click Color Halftone. Set max radius to 4 pixels and leave the channels as is.



11. The image is a bit too bright, so let's tone it down by changing the blending mode of the Dots layer to Darken. (Where it says "Normal" on the drop down in layers panel)
12. Add a border to your photo to make it look like a comic book panel by clicking on "Dots" layer and clicking the "fx" in the bottom of the layers panel. Then click on "Stroke". Set the size and color. **Make sure the position is on Inside**



13. Add a new layer and name it Boxes
14. Click Edit → Stroke then create a stroke for your text box



15. Deselect the rectangle

16. Use the Magic Wand Tool to select the inside of the rectangle you just created

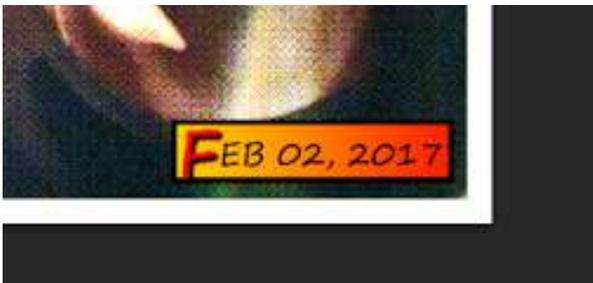
17. Use the Gradient Tool to fill the rectangle with color – choose a gradient color that goes with the colors in your image:



18. Use the Text Tool to add today's date to the box -- use a font that looks handwritten to match the comic book style

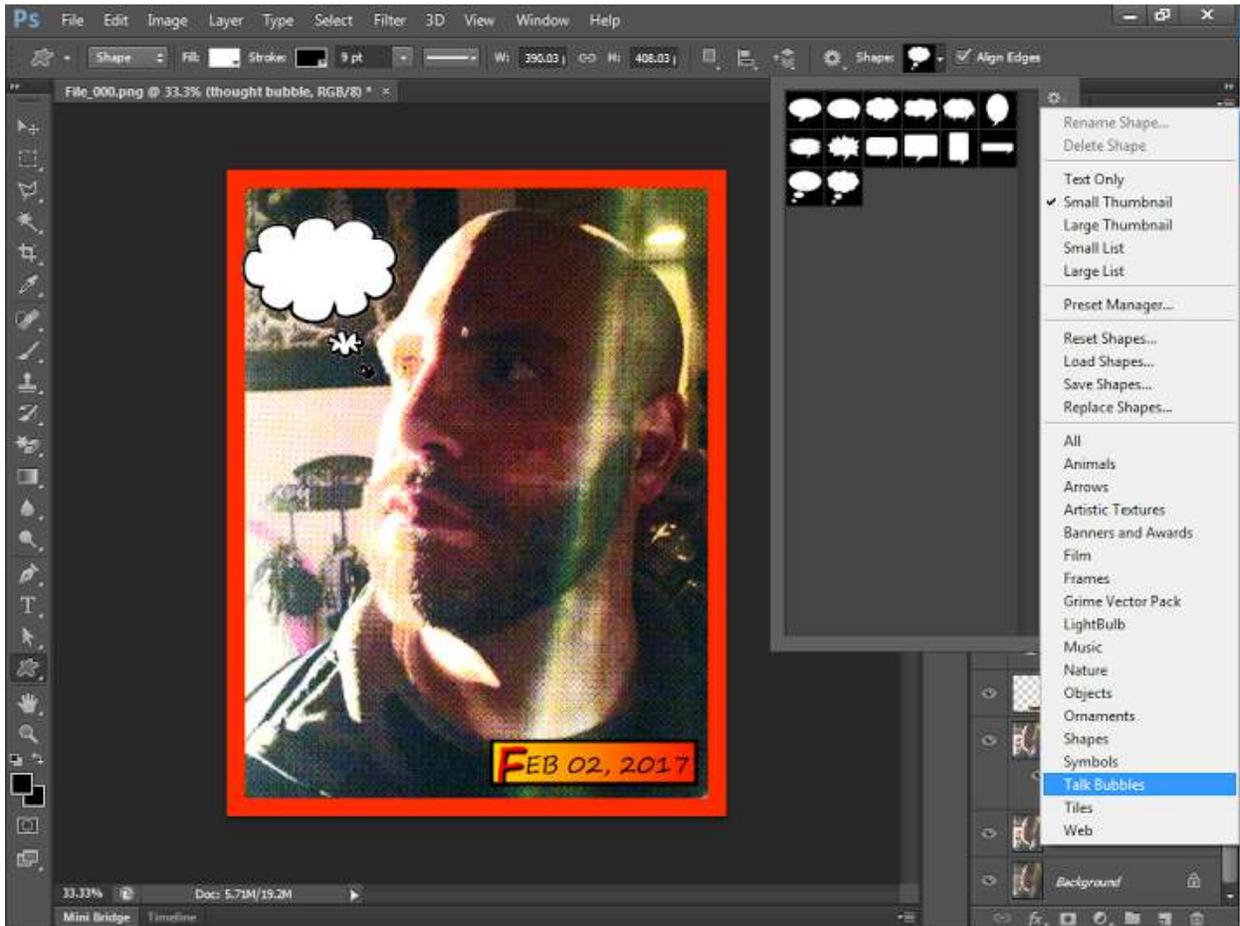
19. Create a separate text layer to hold the first letter of the month; make this letter red and increase the font size

20. Apply a drop shadow to the first letter by clicking on the "fx" in the bottom of the layers panel (like the sample below):



21. Last we are going to add a thought or speech bubble to our portrait by going to the shape tool on the toolbar and choosing “Custom Shape”

- a. In the top right corner of the workspace, you can choose which shape you want by clicking on the settings wheel and clicking “Talk Bubbles” (see screenshot)



22. Add text or an image to your thought/speech bubble.

23. Save out a copy as a jpeg ONLY WHEN YOU ARE READY TO TURN IN