

WPAP Portrait - Adobe Illustrator Project

What you will learn: Using a combination of tools, you will create **shapes** to **illustrate** a **portrait** in the **WPAP** style.

Step One: Decide if you want to illustrate a portrait you created (your own photography), **or** you can find a high-resolution portrait online to illustrate. I must **approve** all project ideas before you begin. Whatever portrait you choose, I suggest you find one where the person's eyes are open all the way and facial expressions are easily recognizable. In other words, don't choose profile shots or images where you can't really see their face. This project is all about the face.

Once you have your project idea....follow these steps.

1. Open **Adobe Illustrator** on your computer. (Ai)
2. Go to **File>New** and choose Art/Illustration, then Poster. Click OK.
3. Drag your photo onto the document. Find the **Artboard Tool**. You can fit your artboard (white document area) to the size of your portrait by clicking and dragging on the sides of artboard with this tool selected. You only need to design the face, so your artboard only needs to cover the face.
4. Watch a few minutes of the video provided on google classroom - and watch it fullscreen/HD. This shows how the pen tool can create shapes by a series of clicks. There are more videos you can watch on youtube if you prefer to watch more!

After the video...

5. Open your **Layers panel**. **Lock** the image layer.
6. Make a new layer, call it **Shapes**. This layer should be *above* the image layer.
7. You will begin by using **four tools** for this project. Below are the tool names, and KEYBOARD commands. Get used to the keyboard commands, because you will be switching between these tools frequently.

Keyboard Command / Name of Tool / Function of Tool

- V - **Selection Tool** >> Allows you to select and move shapes.
- A - **Direct Selection Tool** >>Allows you to alter specific anchor points of a shape
- P - **Pen Tool** >> Creates shapes by a series of clicks. All shapes have a FILL and a STROKE.
Fill=Color inside shape Stroke =outline color of shape
- I - **Eyedropper Tool** >>Assigns color to the shape by clicking on your image directly.
- N - **Pencil Tool** >> Great tool for creating freeform shapes

9. You can find more videos on youtube, or keep referencing to the one I gave you! Also I will help you as much as I can!

10. **Each day I will be teaching you more and more about this project** - so if it's hard for you in the beginning, don't worry, you'll get more used to it every day.

11. Save your file as an Adobe Illustrator document. Go to File>Save As and the format will be ".ai".

