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Subject: Digital Photo Editing Assignment

Introduction:

The purpose of this assignment is to introduce us to the basics of photography editing using Adobe Photoshop. We will learn how to improve pictures and explain why the improvement is relevant. Also, we will start to work on our online portfolios by creating “home” and “resume” buttons using several Photoshop features. I look forward to this assignment as I have never used Photoshop before. I hope to learn the basics and possibly some advanced features.

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<td>This picture of a spider web shows the difference the angle of light can make when taking a picture.</td>
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<td>This is a picture of the “world” in the Children’s gardens. It shows the technique of filling in the frame by having a simple subject and not leaving a lot of empty space.</td>
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<td>A simple, uncluttered picture of a “no left turn” sign. You only notice the sign and nothing else. Using the sky as a background is a safe technique.</td>
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<td>The lines of this picture of under the Farm Lane bridge draw your eyes to the supports and graffiti.</td>
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I believe the whole idea behind this picture was to show the difference an angle a picture is taken from by focusing on the “CHEMISTRY” sign. I cloned different parts of the picture to cover up the building behind and the lights underneath. This creates fewer distractions and highlights the sign as opposed to other aspects of the picture.
Cropping this flower allows you to focus on the shadow that the leaves and flower produce as opposed to the shadow from a different object. Doing this also applies the rule of thirds and fills the screen. I also lightened the picture slightly and applied contrast to make the shadow pop out a little more.
This is a collage of four different pictures of students engaged in multiple Agriscience classroom activities. The URL for this picture is www.msu.edu/~ankleyjo/web/photoediting/ffacollage.jpg

This picture shows the three important parts of a successful Agriscience Education program. All are equally important and all must be present. The URL for this picture is www.msu.edu/~ankleyjo/web/photoediting/agedmodel.jpg
These are “home” and “resume” buttons that were created in Adobe Photoshop. They will eventually be used as buttons for my online portfolio. They were created by setting up an image that was 150 x 75 pixels and choosing a color for it. I then beveled the bottom to create the button-like look. Text was then placed on top of the image to read either “home” or “resume.” I tried a couple different colors out and here is a representative sample of what I created.

Summary:

In this assignment I learned many different things that will help me in the future, no matter what profession I go into. Up until this point, I had never used Photoshop to edit pictures. Now afterwards I feel comfortable using the simple tasks and even some more advanced ones to edit my pictures. Also, I found making the buttons for use on the website very interesting. I hope I will have the opportunity and time to use Photoshop more in depth.