Memorandum

To: Dr. Reese
From: Amelia Miller
Date: October 7, 2009
Subject: Digital Photo Editing

Contained in this document are the photos and written answers required by the photo editing assignment. The photos for this assignment are also saved in my AFS space. Through this assignment, I will navigate, iPhoto, my computer’s photo editing program and evaluate the types of pictures taken by my classmates. Also, I will work with Photoshop CS3 to learn the process to make buttons for websites.

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<td><img src="image" alt="" /> The reason my piggy bank is empty.</td>
<td>This picture is used to demonstrate lighting. It effectively uses the lighting to emphasize the parking meter. It appears as though the light is creating a line across the meter from the edges of the picture. Because the wall in the background is dark, the light makes the meter stick out.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="" /> Man hiding behind flowers.</td>
<td>This picture could be used to demonstrate rule of thirds or lines. The pink flowers are not directly in the center of the image, but slightly off to the right. This leaves about a third of space on the left hand side and the flowers fill up the other two thirds of the image. However, the man in the background greatly detracts from this image. He is not apart of the focal point of the picture, yet is clearly visible.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="" /> Don’t pollute!</td>
<td>This picture effectively portrays both fill the frame and simplicity. Though there is a small grass border in the picture, for the most part the drain takes up the entire image. The drain is definitely the dominant subject of this photo, qualifying it for simplicity.</td>
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Pretty and pink

This picture could qualify for many categories. The flower fills the frame, as well as is the only focus of the picture, making it simplistic. Also, the main bud in the picture is about 2/3 of the way down the image, not right in the center. This follows the rule of thirds.
Original Plate

![Original Plate Image]

New and Improved Plate

![New and Improved Plate Image]
I cropped the first photo so that only the license plate is visible. While the part of the car did create some color contrast, the car was dirty, so it detracted from the license plate. I also brightened the photo. The first picture was a bit dark I used the photo brightness and adjusting tools in iPhoto to make the blues brighter. I also used the touch up feature to lighten the rust stain on the left side of the plate. Though it isn’t completely gone, it is much lighter than it was in the first image. I wanted to make the plate look more new, so the brightening made the colors more vibrant and made the writing pop out of the background. Also, by removing some of the rust stain; the license plate appears to be more shiny and closer to its original color.
I changed this picture from color to black and white. Then, I blurred the edges of the print to emphasize the one bud, which is the focal point of the picture. I chose to do this to dim down the picture. The original color picture is very bright, which to me, detracts from the image. By blurring the background, I made the other flower petals less important. Because they are of similar color to the emphasized flower, they detracted from the picture.
This is a photo of winter hiking trails at a Sleep-Away Camp. This is a photo I took, so I don’t need a citation for it.

www.msu.edu/~mill1693/photoediting/snowyforest.jpg

The waterfront and wetland ecosystem at a summer camp. This is another a picture I took.

www.msu.edu/~mill1693/photoediting/silverlake.jpg
To create these buttons, I used Photoshop CS3 on my computer. I used the layer function to place text on top of the original button. I also used the layer function to create three buttons of different colors, with the same text and style. The edges of my buttons are beveled. I will use these buttons in my website portfolio. The different colors will eventually indicate selected options and previously viewed buttons.

**Summary**
In this assignment, I explored iPhoto, the photo editing software on my new MacBook. Not only did this assignment require me to learn about photo editing, but it gave me a reason to explore my new computer. I changed the size of pictures, as well as altered the contrast and edited the blemishes in a photo. I learned how to create web buttons in Photoshop CS3, which eventually will be come part of a website.