PHOTOSHOP PHOTO COLLAGE

- 1. Copy **Captians.jpg** to your home directory it is in the following file:
- J:\DropBoxes\Shaw Dropbox\BCIS\Photoshop\Collage
- 2. Open PhotoShop and open the file Captians.jpg
- 3. Duplicate the background layer by right clicking the background layer and selecting Duplicate name the layer **Captains**.
- 4. Create a new layer 1 by clicking on the new layer icon in the layer palette (Layer 1).
- 5. Click on the new layer 1 and drag it between the background layer and the duplicate layer.
- Reset the foreground color to black by pressing D (If needed).
- Now fill layer 1 with black by pressing Alt + Backspace or by selecting the paint can and clicking on the work area. You will not notice a difference in the work area but in the layers palette you'll see the middle layer is now filled with black.
- With layer 1 active click the new layer icon at the bottom of the layers palette (makes Layer 2). The layers palette should look like the one on the right.
- 9. Select the rectangle marquee tool or press M.



- 10. Drag a rectangle or square around the first "picture" area (referee).
- 11. Make sure the new layer 2 is active. Fill the newly selected area with black **Alt + Backspace**.
- Click on the Captains layer to make it active, from the Layers menu select Create Clipping Mask (or Alt + Ctrl + G). You may not notice anything happening but in the layers palette you will notice the changes.
- 13. Now click on the solid black layer (Layer 1) to make it active. Then click the new layer icon on the layers palette (makes Layer 3).
- 14. With Layer 3 active, press **M** or select the rectangle selection tool and drag another rectangle just bigger than the first rectangle making the white boarder of the Polaroid.
- 15. Make sure that the new blank Layer 3 is active, press **Ctrl + backspace** to fill the area with white.
- 16. Now we will add a drop shadow effect by double clicking on Layer 3 and selecting drop shadow in the effects menu.
- 17. Now we are going to tilt our picture, to do this we need to select both the black and white layers (Layers 1 & 2). Press and hold the shift key and click layer 2 & 3.
- 18. Press **Ctrl + T** to get the free form handles. Click on the corner handles (small boxes on corners and sides) and drag with the mouse until you get the desired tilt and press enter.
- 19. Now we are going to group these layers so that we can repeat the process easier. With layers 2 & 3 already selected press the shift key and click on the top layer. Press Ctrl + G to create a group, Group 1.

- 20. Now duplicate the group by clicking on the Group 1 folder and dragging to the New Layer Icon. Now there is a copy of the first group above the Group 1 layer. Double click on this group 1 copy layer and rename it Group 2
- 21. Click the triangle to the left of the Group 2 to open the layers. Select the bottom 2 layers by pressing shift and clicking on the two layers. And with the move tool within the picture, drag to a different portion of the picture. Press Ctrl + T to tilt the new Polaroid picture at different angle than the first.
- 22. When you have finished arranging the second Polaroid press Enter to apply the transformation.
- 23. Repeat steps 20 22 to get the desired results (you will duplicate group 2 this time).
- 24. Save as PhotoCollage.



ASSIGNMENT:

Use a picture of your choice and create a collage using the above instructions.

Save as: Collage Print: Approximate size 5x7, color