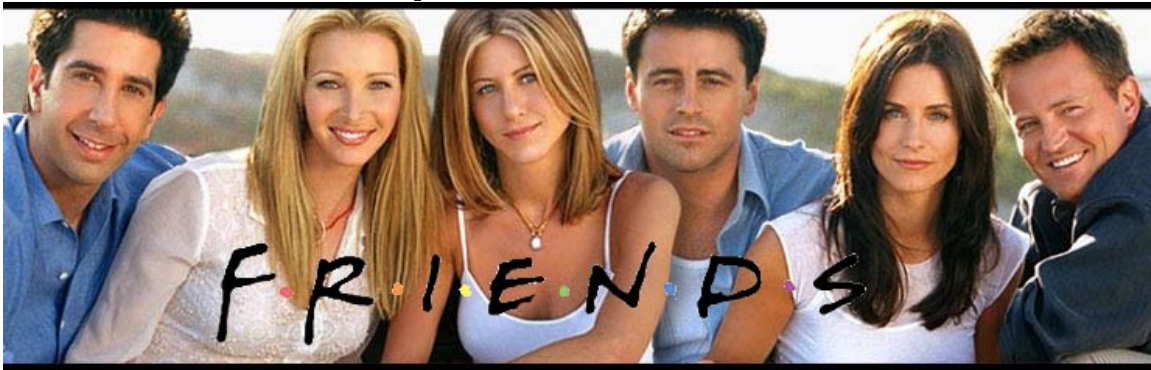


Working with Layers

One of the most important elements of Photoshop is the element of layers. Think of layers as sheets of acetate or tracing paper floating over the image. Layers can be opaque, transparent, or translucent. Virtually everything you ever do in Photoshop will involve layers.

The Friends example....



1. Follow the Instructor's Directions to open the (Friends Puzzle Layer Example .psd)
2. Click on the Move tool to make the Layer active. You will then be able using each of the layers, to construct the puzzle.
3. You can also move the order of layers, by clicking and dragging each individual layer.
4. If your puzzle pieces won't move the way you want them to by using the mouse, you can use the arrow keys to "nudge" the piece into place. Arrow keys often allow a more precise positioning than the mouse.
3. You can click on the eye, adjacent to each layer to turn the visibility on and off.
4. You can click on the lock key to "lock" a layer in place. Double click the lock to unlock the layer.
5. There is one extra piece in this puzzle, drag it down to the trash can.
6. Once you have all of the pieces of the puzzle assembled flatten the image.
From the Layer Menu bar > Select Flatten Image.

REMEMBER: Ctrl + Z is your friend, allowing you to undo the last action you just did. Ctrl + Alt + Z will allow you to step backward even further.