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Project Composite Photo

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Project - Composite Photo

Throughout history, photo manipulation has been an important propaganda tool.

This often involved creating composite photos (photos which are created by using two or more photos).

Two famous composite photos are shown below.

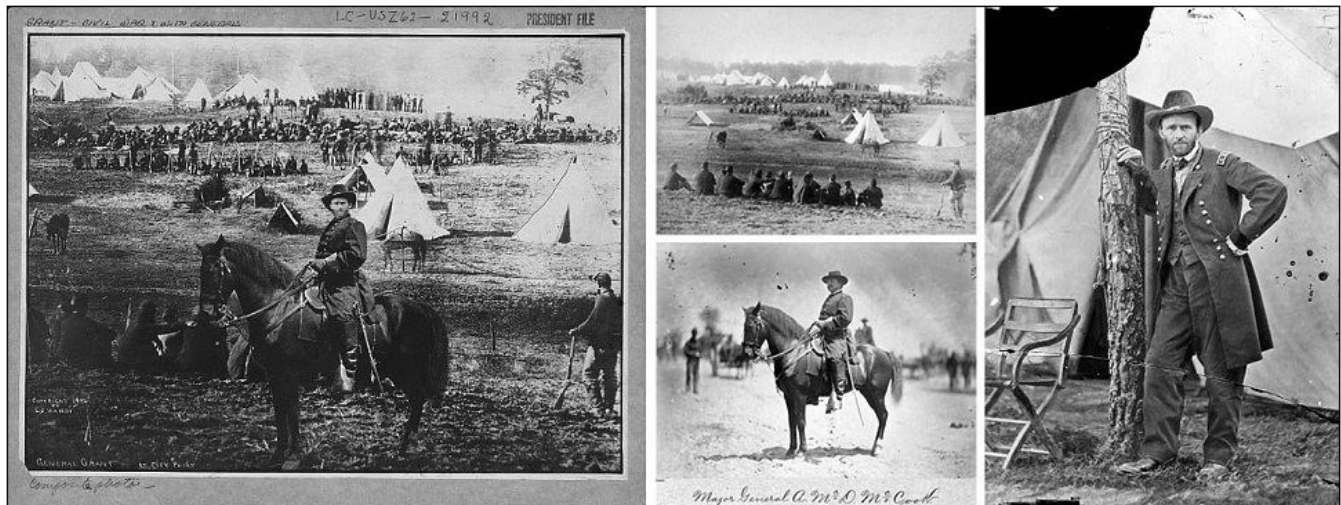
For this project, you will be creating a composite photo from a minimum of three photos.

You can use photos you already have or take new ones.

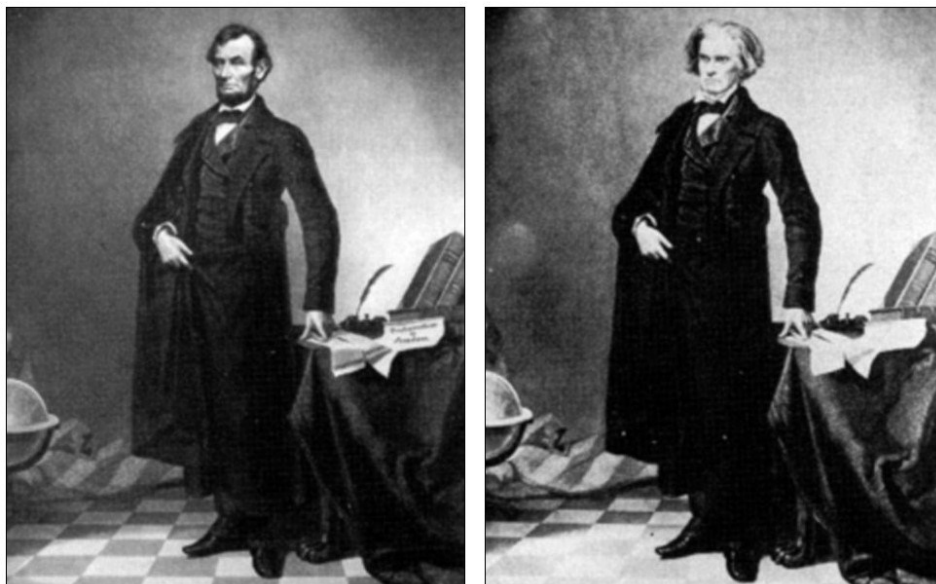
You must include the composite photos, the source photos, as well as the tools used and steps taking. Include at least 2 "in progress" photos showing your work.

You must include "before" and "after" photos, as well as the tools used and steps taking.

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Fake: The photo on the left appears to be of General Ulysses S Grant in front of his troops at City Point, Virginia, during the American Civil War. It is in fact created from three pictures, the head from a portrait of Grant; the horse and body from Major General Alexander M McCook; and the background of Confederate prisoners captured



Stitched up: This portrait of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln (left) is a composite of Lincoln's head and the body of southern politician John Calhoun (pictured right)

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Photo Credit: Thought.co

Yep, that's a fake. It's not that Venice's famed canals never freeze—the Venice lagoon most recently froze in [2012](#). It just doesn't look like that when it does. [This photo](#) is a combination of a typical photo of Venice's Grand Canal, and a photo of Russia's Lake Baikal, taken in 2013.



Photo Credit: Viral Images Solved

That castle looks like something from *Game of Thrones* or *Lord of the Rings*, which should probably tell you that it isn't real. The fake viral photo is really a [composite](#) of Castle Lichtenstein, in Germany, and the Ko Kao Phing Kan islands, in Thailand. The islands are also known as the "James Bond Islands" after appearing in the 1974 Bond film *The Man with the Golden Gun*.



The pilot actually took this selfie when the plane was on the ground. The background (looks like Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) was PhotoShopped in later.