

Digital Effects and Animation Program
GRA 151 Graphics I

SELF – PORTRAIT

DUE DATE: MAY 12

Create a self-portrait in Photoshop using one or more scanned pictures of your self as a basic reference layer. Use of the scanned images should not be limited to an exact rendering of the pose but a starting point. I recommend that you take advantage of Photoshop layers to experiment with brushes, painting, effects, pen tool, blending modes, and portions of images you scan or photograph yourself. It is easy to experiment and play with ideas in Photoshop.

When you have completed this image delete the reference layers. The final image should look hand-crafted and not as though it were just a photograph with effects added to it.

In the art world portraits often employ symbolism and try to tell a story about the artist. Think carefully about any props, color schemes, backgrounds, art styles, etc to

I would like everyone in this class to work towards achieving an interesting piece that shows a lot of thought and creativity. Try to make this piece a type of visual autobiography.

Grade Criteria:

Creativity _____/20

Art Style _____/20

Aesthetics _____/20

Use of Symbolism _____/20

Composition _____/20

Requirements: 11X17 at 300 dpi as a .psd file with layers

HOMEWORK for next class –find and scan pictures & develop an initial plan.

Phase I: We will show pictures and brainstorm about ideas.

Phase 2: Progress review to critique use of design elements

Phase 3: Complete the piece for final critique