

Magazine Cover Assignment

Project Requirements:

Create an original magazine cover

1. Develop the concept for your own original magazine cover. **YOU** must be the main picture and subject on the front of the magazine.
2. You must photograph the images used in the cover using the digital still camera. Use the green screen to ensure you can “cut out” your image easily.
3. The size must be **8.5” by 11”** and have a resolution of **300 dpi**.
4. Create a rough copy of the cover using pencil and paper.
5. Show the teacher your concept for approval.
6. Take a picture (or pictures) using the digital still camera – you will need a partner to assist you.
7. Use Photoshop to re-size or modify the pictures. Ensure that your picture is the proper size for the cover. You will probably need to “crop” the image in order to get the correct size - do not “stretch” the picture and distort it to make it fit.
8. Construct the cover in Photoshop. It would be easiest to insert the images first, then build around them.
9. Ensure your text is interesting and that your magazine title uses “layer effects” to add interest and catch the reader’s attention.
10. When you are finished, show the teacher your project to get approval for printing.

Evaluation:

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| • Rough Draft (T/I)
<i>Neat, complete; clear concept and vision</i> | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| • Photo(s) Quality (A)
<i>Quality photo(s) that shows thoughtful planning; image(s) clearly enhance and showcase magazine</i> | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| • Layout and Design (A)
<i>Cover shows clear use of Principles, Elements, etc. Quality layout and design</i> | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| • Text/Fonts (A)
<i>Font choice reflects proper tone; appropriate amount of information; spelling, grammar, etc.</i> | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| • Overall Cover Quality (C)
<i>Original, interesting, catches viewer’s attention, follows learned concepts, looks like a “real” magazine cover</i> | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

Total /50