

## PHOTO ELEMENT GAMES

### Lesson Objectives:

1. to introduce Photo Elements
2. to learn to OPEN a file while in Photo Elements
3. to learn the different formats to SAVE a file in Photo Elements
4. to introduce key elements of the tool bar

### OPEN the application Photo Elements

- GO TO file -> OPEN
- GO TO 'My Computer'
- GO TO Read Only directory on Diego
- OPEN SOVEL folder -> OPEN Intro to Photo Elements folder ->  
OPEN the file/picture 'ShCassieBook'

### Practice #1:

Compare SELECT tools

Learn about how tool bar changes with each tool selection

To Select an area, you may:

- a) Use SELECT -> all
- b) Use the Marquee tools [upper left section of the tool bar]  
There is the rectangular and the elliptical (oval) select an area
- c) Use the lasso, magnetic or polygonal tools to select an area

PRACTICE & COMPARE: Use each of the tools to outline the baby in the picture.

### HINTS:

You can click on the Magnifying tool,

THEN Select a portion of the picture, CLICK and it will ZOOM IN,  
so that you can trace it better

You can go to the HISTORY menu and return to earlier steps [ a fancy UNDO feature]

Once an area is selected, you may then go to different menu choices;

actions will only affect the selected area; for ex.:

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### Practice #2:

introduce menu item ENHANCE

introduce menu item IMAGE

Return to the original image 'ShCassieBook'

- Select an area
- Go to ENHANCE -> Adjust Color -> Remove Color
- With the area still selected, go back to ENHANCE -> Adjust Color -> Hue/Saturation and click COLORIZE;
- Now play with the hue adjustments

Once an area is selected, you go to:

- GO TO IMAGE -> Crop  
Everything outside of the selected area will go away
- You can select Feather and put in a number [try 2 or 3]  
This will smooth the edge of what you are selecting
- GO TO SELECT -> Inverse and it will affect everything outside the selected area

### PHOTO ELEMENT PRACTICE #3

GO TO IMAGE -> RESIZE -> CANVAS SIZE

Click the upper left corner in the canvas size area,

then make the width 8 inches and the height 10 inches; click OK

Go to VIEW and click on Fit On Screen

Now go to FILE -> Browse and open a second picture

If necessary, go to VIEW and click on Fit On Screen again, so that both pictures show

Go to the Move Tool [upper right hand corner].

Drag the second picture onto the original 'canvas'

You can now use the Marquee Tools to highlight areas, then cut or copy pieces of the two pictures onto each other

NOTE: Notice the PALETTE TABS on the upper right side of the screen. Especially notice the one that is labeled LAYERS. You may have to periodically click on this and then on the *Layer* that you are or want to work with.