

Fixing Dark Photos

We all know that students don't always take perfect pictures. Here is the **BEST** way to fix a photo that is too dark.

We have traditionally fixed photos that were too dark by going to Photoshop and choosing Auto Levels. That works some of the time as well.

Here is a foolproof method that we have never seen fail for improving a photo that is too dark.

Directions

- 1) Open the photo.
- 2) Open your Layers panel.
- 3) From the dropout menu on the Layers panel choose Duplicate Layer. Or create a duplicate layer by typing Control (Command-Mac) J.
- 4) At the top of the Layers panel you will see a drop down menu that says Normal. Click on that menu and choose Screen. If the photo is still too dark, duplicate that layer again for as many times as it takes to get the photo the way you like it.
- 5) Choose Flatten from the bottom of the Layers menu and save the file.



Original Photo



Auto Levels applied



Fixed using our method

Step 2

You can also micro adjust the photo by playing with the Opacity settings of your duplicated layer.

Step 3