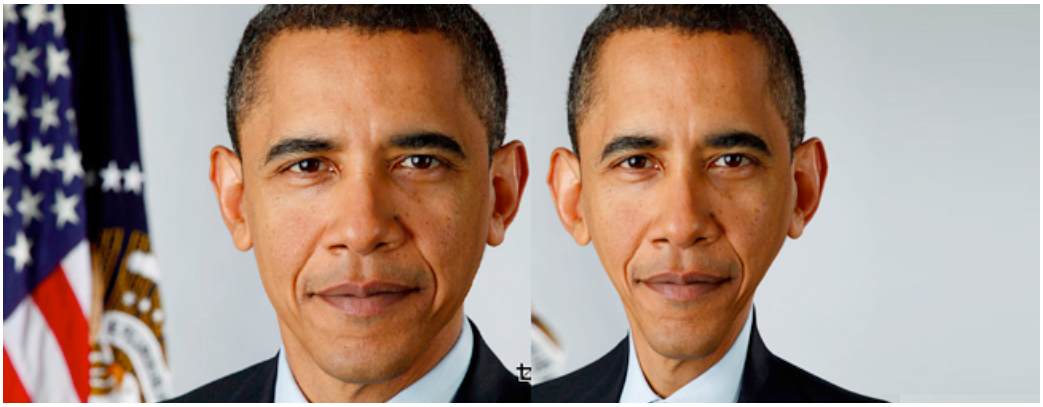
Caricatures

IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENT



DIRECTIONS:

Even if you don't have much drawing talent, it's surprisingly easy to create a caricature from a photograph with good resolution and a few minutes in Photoshop. Grab an image and get ready to become a caricature artist!
(For the record, we're using pictures of US presidents for our source material, but there's no reason you can't make your friends look goofy with this easy technique. A few minutes is all it takes to transform your photos. Give it a shot!)

STEP 1 – Gather source images from the web

-Create a **FOLDER** on your computer in the following format:

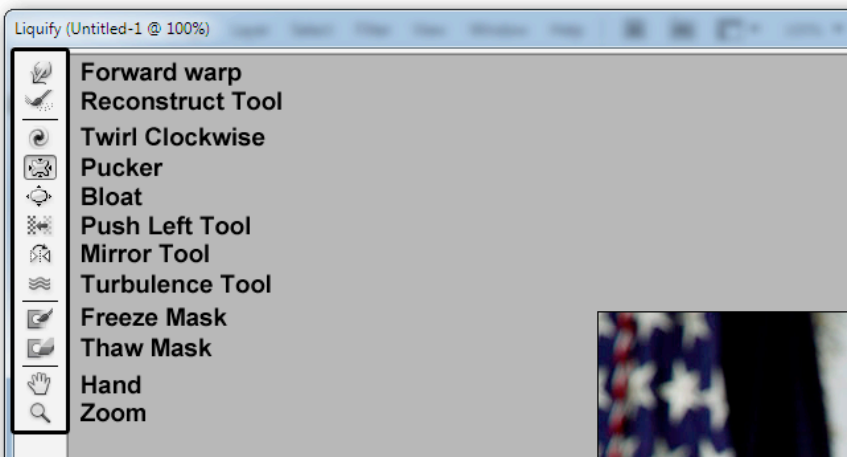
[CLASS HOUR] Caricatures [YOUR LAST NAME, FIRST INITIAL]

Example: "1 Caricatures Smith J"

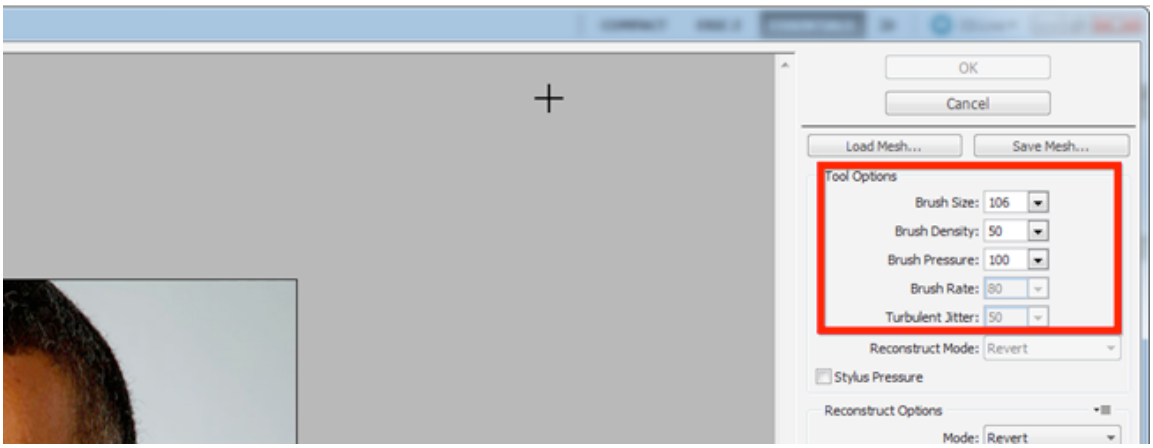
- Find at least **FIVE SOURCE PHOTOS** (NOT drawings/artwork) that each show a clear HEADSHOT of a person (not their whole body). Make sure your images are **at least 600 pixels wide** and save them in the CARICATURES folder you made on your computer.

STEP 2 – Using the LIQUIFY TOOL

-The LIQUIFY tool is easy to use and allows you to warp images pretty precisely without ruining textures or image quality. Well, without completely ruining it, at least.
Find the Liquify tool by navigating to **Filter --> Liquify**.



-These tools are the ones we're going to be using in this project. The tools that are probably the most useful are **Forward Warp**, **Pucker**, and **Bloat** (although **Twirl Clockwise** and **Turbulence** are also useful). Forward Warp pushes and distorts parts of the image, while Pucker and Bloat shrink and enlarge the areas underneath the brush area. The **Reconstruct Tool** sort of like an undo brush—it undoes all changed to the image and reverts what you paint back to the original image. Use it to correct the parts that get really weird, and remember you can always use *Ctrl + Z to undo*.



-This is another key area, where you can adjust your brush size and strength (density and pressure, as they read here). A larger brush size can often be helpful. You can safely ignore the rest of the options in the Liquefy tool if you don't want to delve too deeply into it.

-Use these tools to distort, stretch, shrink, and enlarge different parts of the person's face to create an interesting caricature. It doesn't necessarily have to look like them when you get done. However, if you want to make a true caricature... you'll exaggerate their most prominent features and de-emphasize their less prominent ones.

STEP 3 – Save & Upload

-As you finish each image**, SAVE it** in the folder you created earlier.
-Once you have completed FIVE SEPARATE CARICATURES, attach these images to an **EMAIL** to your teacher

MORE EXAMPLES:

(No... you don't have to pick presidents.)