



GRAPHIC DESIGN KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

YEAR 10
TERM 2

Topic: Music Promotion

History/Context:

Photoshop is arguably the most widely used, most popular and most powerful photo-editing software in the world, but it is important to remember that Photoshop has only been around for just over 30 years.



The original programme was created in 1988 by brothers John and Thomas Knoll. The first retail version of Photoshop was released only for Apple computers in 1990.



Photoshop is now widely used in most aspects of our daily life. There are photo editing, typographical, graphical, creative and professional uses of Adobe Photoshop in our daily life. Such as product design, website mockup designs, business card design, movie poster designs, various types of digital contents, branding, advertising and marketing material designs are all common uses of Adobe Photoshop in our daily life.

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Using Photoshop to create a Tim Marris copy

- Polygonal Lasso Tool**
Used to cut around image
- Blending Modes**
Used to create the different coloured effects in the background
- Duplicating layers**
Dragging an original layer onto this button makes an exact copy of the image.
- Text/Type Tool**
Used to add in text
- Custom Shape Tool**
Used to create these basic shapes
- Move Tool**
Used to move and place images in the composition

Graphic Designers:

Key Literacy Vocabulary:

Composition - the placement of relative subjects and elements within an image or scene to create a pleasing feel.

Digital - work produced using digital media, such as a computer using Photoshop.

Layers - mainly used in Photoshop, each layer represents a different image in a composition.

Photoshop - Adobe Photoshop is a raster graphics editor developed and published by Adobe Systems.

Move Tool - the move tool allows you to move a selection or entire layer by dragging it with your mouse.

Gradient Tool - this tool allows you to blend one colour into another seamlessly.

Magic Wand Tool - this tool helps you to select parts of an image you wish to edit.

Blending Mode - a blending mode simply tells two layers how to work together to create a combined image. Overlapping pixels will blend differently depending on what mode you select.

Relevant Images:

Tim Marris Examples

Photoshop Tools

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|--|-----------------|--|----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | Move Tool | | Text/Type Tool | | Rectangular Marquee Tool |
| | Crop Tool | | Gradient Tool | | Colour Picker |
| | Magic Wand Tool | | Polygonal Lasso Tool | | |

