

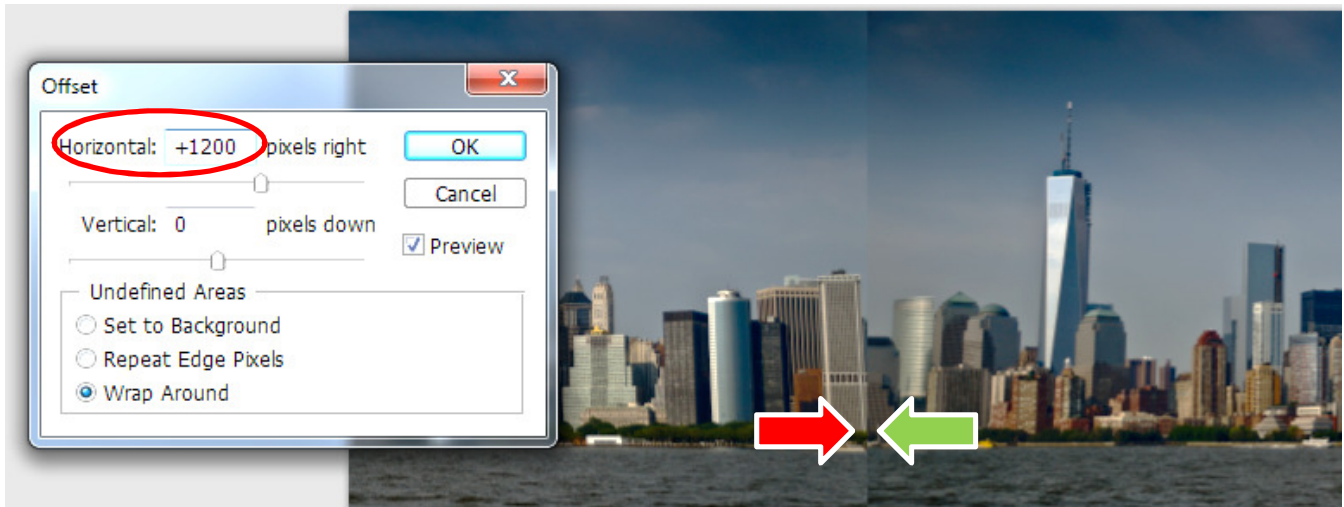
# “Polar Planets” - Digital Assignment

## Technique Instructions for October 10 Competition

1. Choose a photo of something interesting that has a level horizon line and is symmetrical. The idea is that the left and right edges of the image will be joined together and any difference in elevation will become obvious.



**2. Reveal Seam:** To reveal any problems in the joining of the edges, in Photoshop choose **FILTER > OTHER > OFFSET** and adjust the horizontal setting until a seam appears near the center of your image. This function wraps it around on itself.



**3. Retouch the Seam:** To get a smooth transition use the spot healing brush or clone tool with a 60% opacity to make the transition disappear to the best of your ability. It is going to vary for every picture..

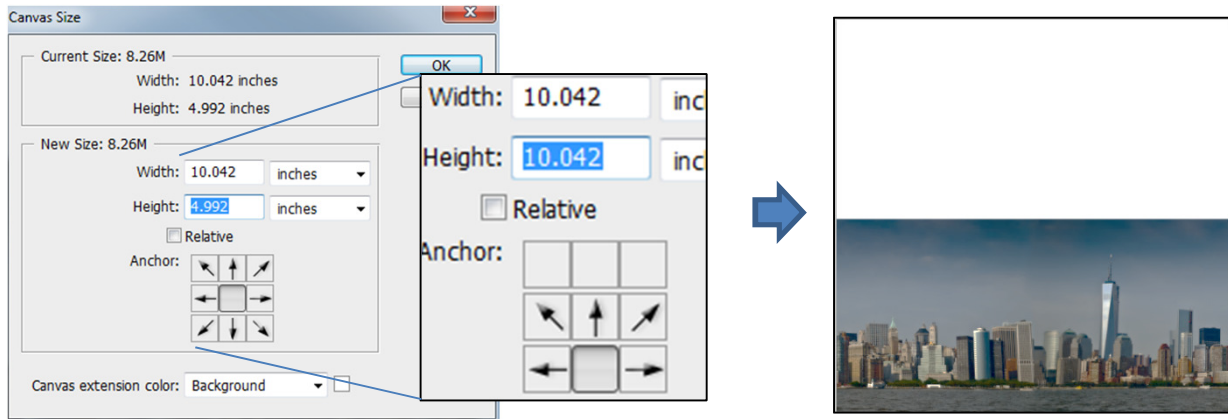


Don't go nuts but just try to make it as **seamless** as you can.

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**4. Change Canvas Size:** Make the document square to produce a perfectly circular end result by choosing **IMAGE > CANVAS SIZE**. Make the height the same value as the width and choose the anchor arrow to place the new space at the top.



**5. Stretch the image to fill empty area:** Use the marquee tool to select the image area only and then **EDIT > FREE TRANSFORM** to stretch it to fill the new canvas size. It will look distorted, but that is ok. Then do **EDIT > TRANSFORM > ROTATE 180** to invert it



**6. Apply Polar Coordinates:** Now as the last step, you are ready to choose **FILTER > DISTORT > POLAR COORDINATES** to create the “Planet” effect. Crop as desired



Try lots of these, you can get some really fun results!

