

Text and Blends Exercise

**To be completed within 48 hours of assignment.
(Instructor may alter the submission time.)**

Create the following night time scene using blends and embedded images. Use a landscape, custom 800 X 600 art board. The Title text will be point text 48pt. Place the rest of the "FullMoon.txt" contents into three linked text boxes.

Night Sky

- Create a rectangle with a default linear gradient fill of black at the top half and a smooth transition to white at the bottom. Move the gradient slider band adjustment (diamond above slider) to get the appropriate black to white portions.

Moon

- Embed the image of the "moon.jpg" into the document. Resize to approximately 255 X 185. Check your sizing by using the Transform on your control panel. Draw a circle shape around the moon to be a clipping mask. Make sure that there is no stroke showing around the edge. Make the mask Ctrl + 7.
- Create a white circle that is slightly smaller than the moon and a second grey circle about ½ an inch larger than the moon's edge. Place the white circle on top of the grey circle. Set the white circle to an opacity of 50% and the grey circle to an opacity of 10%. Create a smooth blend of the two circles and move it behind the moon.
- Group these as Moon

Hills

- Now to make some hills. Create another rectangle that fills the bottom half of the picture. Use the knife tool to cut a diagonal slice from the top left corner to the bottom right corner. The knife tool is found under the eraser tool. Hold the Alt key down (straight line) and drag from top left corner to bottom right. You should get 2 paths (check your layers). Select the top section and flip it horizontally by right clicking on the object; Transform>>Reflect>> Horizontal. Now you should have two hills. Place the left hill path under the right hill path.
- Select the left hill and duplicate it (copy and paste in front) and flatten (resize) the copy to half of the original's height. Make the original copy a light grey-green fill and the copy very dark grey. Make these two shapes into a smooth blend. Repeat for the right hill only make the original copy a dark green fill instead of light grey-green. Use your Pen and Direct Selection tools to shape the hills.
- Now for the fog. Create a rectangle (no stroke) in the bottom 1/3 of the art board. Use the knife tool to slice a undulating horizontal line across the top 1/3 of the rectangle. Start the knife outside the rectangle and finish outside the rectangle. Delete the top part of the shape. Duplicate, in front, the bottom part. Flatten the

duplicate part close to the bottom of the art board. Fill the original part with a light grey and set the opacity to 20%. The copy remains at 100% opacity and is a very dark grey fill. Blend these two shapes as a stepped blend of 20 steps.

- With the hills made, check your moon positioning. It may have to be adjusted.

Text

- Select your Type tool and enter the title Full Moon as point text using "Myriad Pro" font size 60pt, bold condensed.
- Now on to the text body. Copy the contents of the "FullMoon.txt" to the clipboard. Select the Type tool and change the setup to "Myriad Pro" font size 14pt. Create your first text area in the upper left above the hills and paste your text. Select the text area and change the text color to white.
- Choose the Selection tool and click on the red plus near the bottom right corner of the text box. (The red plus in the text boxes indicates that there is more text that is not visible.) The cursor changes shape and you can now drag it to create a new text box that is linked to the first one. Place this second text paragraph on the left hills.
- Repeat this to create a third text box on the right side of the art board so that it covers the Moon.
- Using the Selection tool adjust the three text boxes so that the first box contains the title, author and 2 stanzas. The second box contains 1 stanza and the last box contains the remaining 3 stanzas.
- Ensure all text is white.
- Delete the title Full Moon from the 1st text area if it is there.
- Position the moon group (moon and its glow) over the top right column of text similar to the solution image. Make sure that only the moon group is on top of the text layer.
- Select both the moon group and the third text box and in the "Object" menu choose "Text Wrap=>Make" to wrap the text around the clipped image of the moon. (Note: the moon group must be on top or nothing will happen.)

Save the file as "*Exercise27.ai*". Submit your work in Moodle. Your instructor may also ask you to submit your work into your course drop box.