GDT 106/01

ILLUSTRATOR GRAPHICS

Mon. & Wed. 9:30 - 11:25 a.m.
GM 011

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OBJECTIVES
» Layers/Placed images as a template layer
» Eyedropper Tool
» Basic Shapes, pencil tool, line segment tool
» The Pen Tool
» Swatches & gradients

Have fun, be creative and learn more about Illustrator!

GRADING CRITERIA
» Documents named/saved correctly to Class Folder
» Document (Kyle) recreated exactly
» Use of pen tool correctly
» Basic shapes used correctly
» Layers named/used
» Creative use of Illustrator for self-portrait
» Complexity of the objects
» Presentation of final piece

Exploration 1: Cartoon Character/Avatar

Trace the cartoon character, Kyle, from South Park. Then draw your avatar-like character in the style of Kyle and South Park.
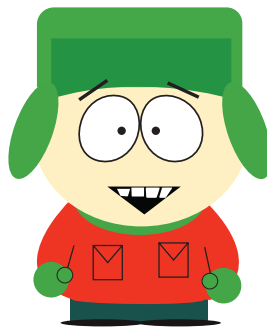
DUE Wed (09/06), printed in color, and saved to the Class Folder.

PART ONE
1. Create a new folder on your Mac desktop named 106-yourlastname-ex1. Into this folder save your Illustrator file named the same way, and the jpeg image.
2. First, open the Class Folder > Handouts > Exp 1; drag the kyle.jpg to your folder that is on your desktop.
3. Open Illustrator. File > New. File > Place—choose the image named kyle.jpg from your desktop folder.
4. Begin recreating the image of the South Park Character using basic shapes and the pen tool when needed. Create a new layer for each part of the body. See Example 1. Use the eye dropper tool to select colors from the original jpg (you must turn off the template feature of the layer to access the correct colors). The color will appear in the color fill box at the bottom of the tools panel. Open your swatches panel and simply drag the color into it to be used later to fill the shapes. We will also discuss the reflect tool, align palette, copying and rotating selections.

PART 2

Using the original South Park character as the basis of a concept, recreate the character to be a self-portrait. Make sure to develop a background that pertains to your life. You may want to delete things like the hat from the original and create hair or a different hat. See Example 2.

Example 1

Example 2