

# Adobe Digital Kids Club

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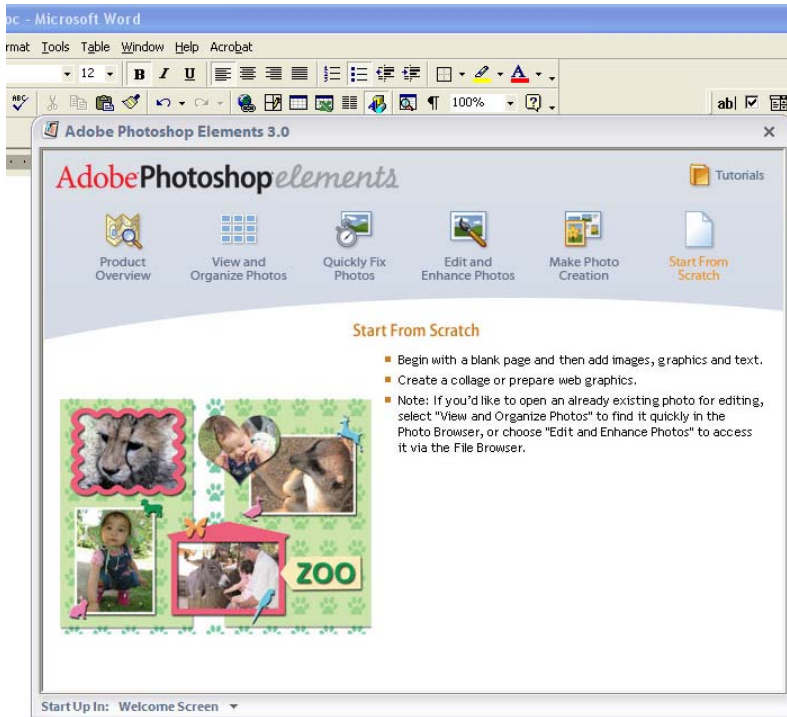
## At a Glance

- **Grade Level:** 8
- **Subjects:** Technology
- **Skills addressed:**
  - Technology: Photoshop Elements is used to design a graduation program cover
    - Adding layers
    - Creating backgrounds using Drawing Tools, Styles and Effects, and Filters
    - Using the text tool
    - Using layer styles on text to further emphasize and highlight the text
- **Time Needed:** One class period in a computer lab
- **Materials:**
  - Photoshop Elements software and access to a computer

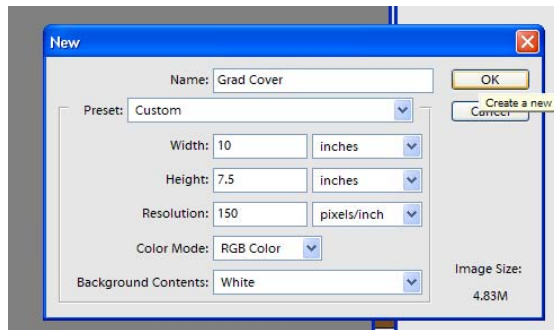
## Lesson

- **Title:** Grad Cover
- **Overview:**

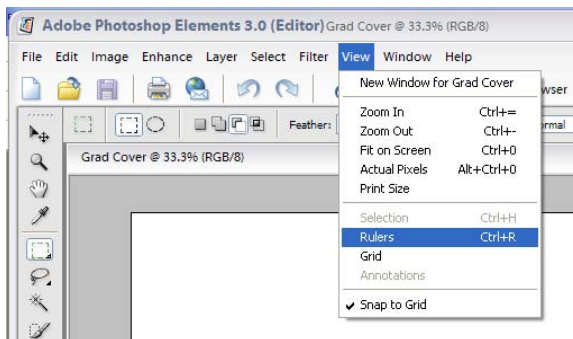
Students participate in a unique way when they create a cover design for their own graduation ceremony. Students can compete, if desired, to win the chance for their own design to be used for the actual graduation cover.
- **Objectives**
  - Students develop layout skills as they design a graduation program cover
- **Background Information:**
  - The lesson will go more quickly if students possess basic Photoshop Elements skills.
  - Please see these additional lessons on this website: "Selection Tools", "Layers and Shapes", "Filters" and "Collages".
- **Instructions:**
  - From the Adobe Elements "Splash Screen" select "Start from Scratch"



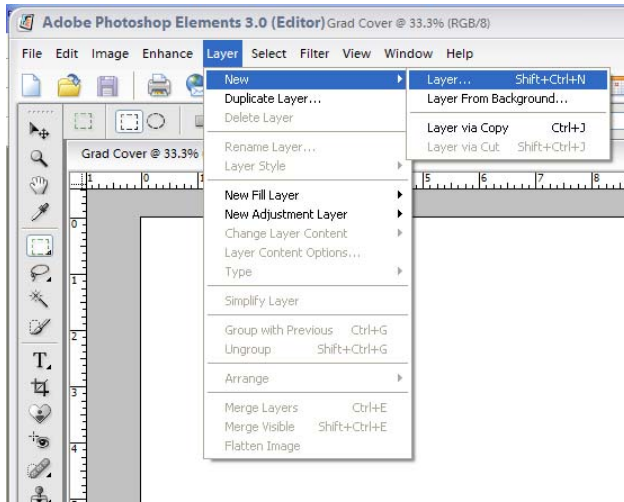
- Set up your working canvas to be 10 inches in width by 7.5 inches in height. For this project, use a higher resolution, like 150 pixels/inch so that your text will be clearer:



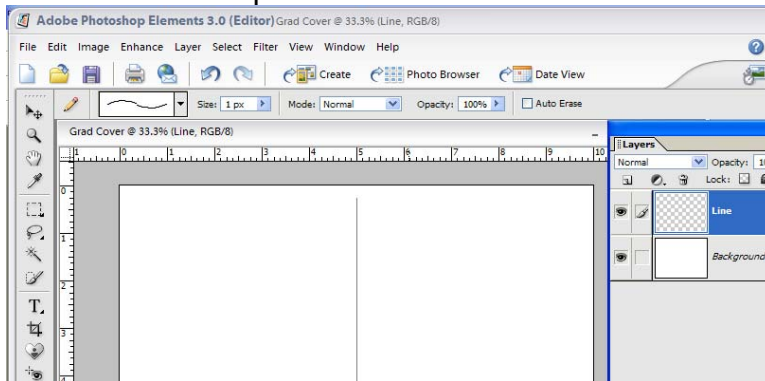
- Turn on the rulers. View/Rulers:



- Make a new layer and name it "Line":

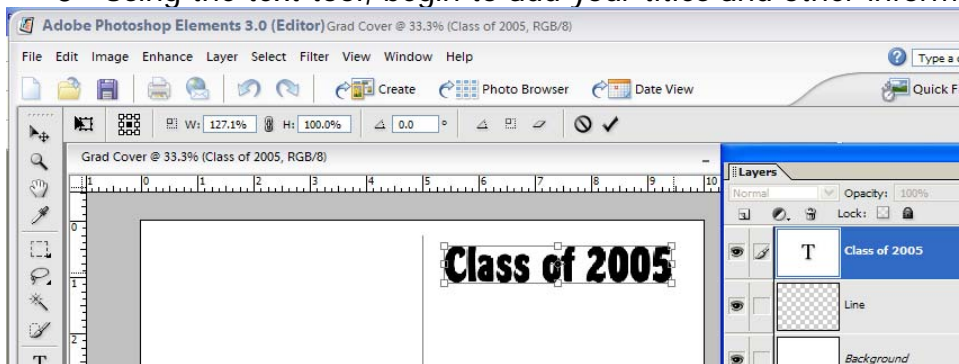


- Select the pencil tool and draw a line at the 5 inch mark:

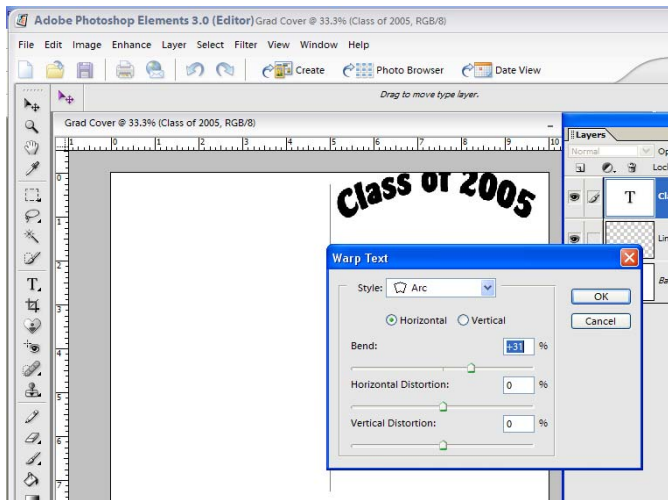
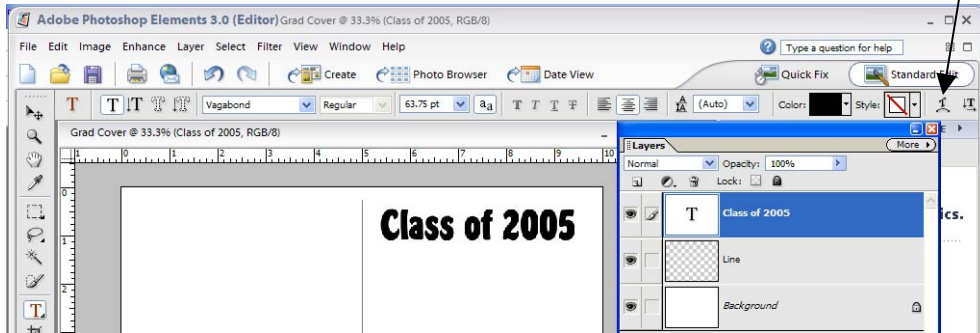


This guide will help you keep the front and the back of your program in their designated areas. Since the line is on a separate layer, it can be deleted before you print the final program

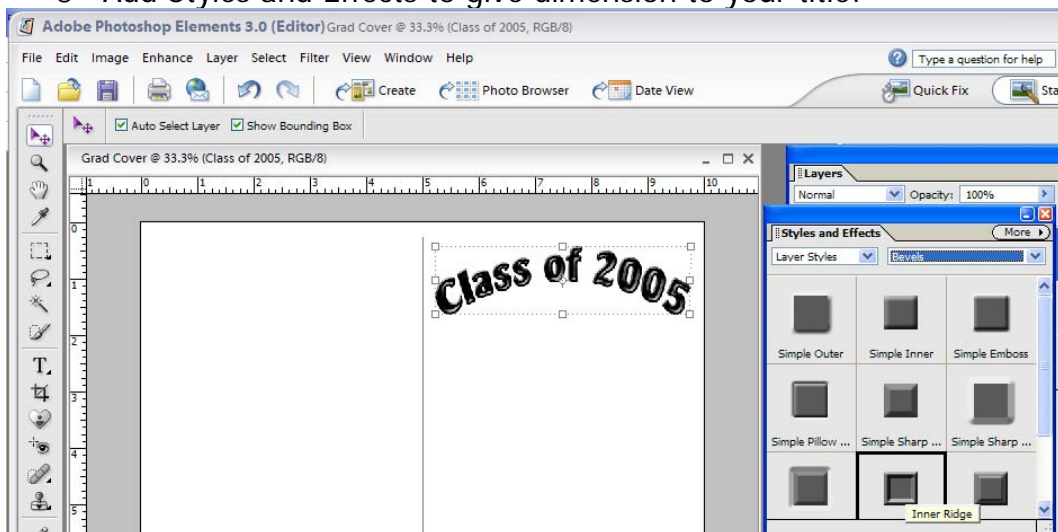
- Using the text tool, begin to add your titles and other information:



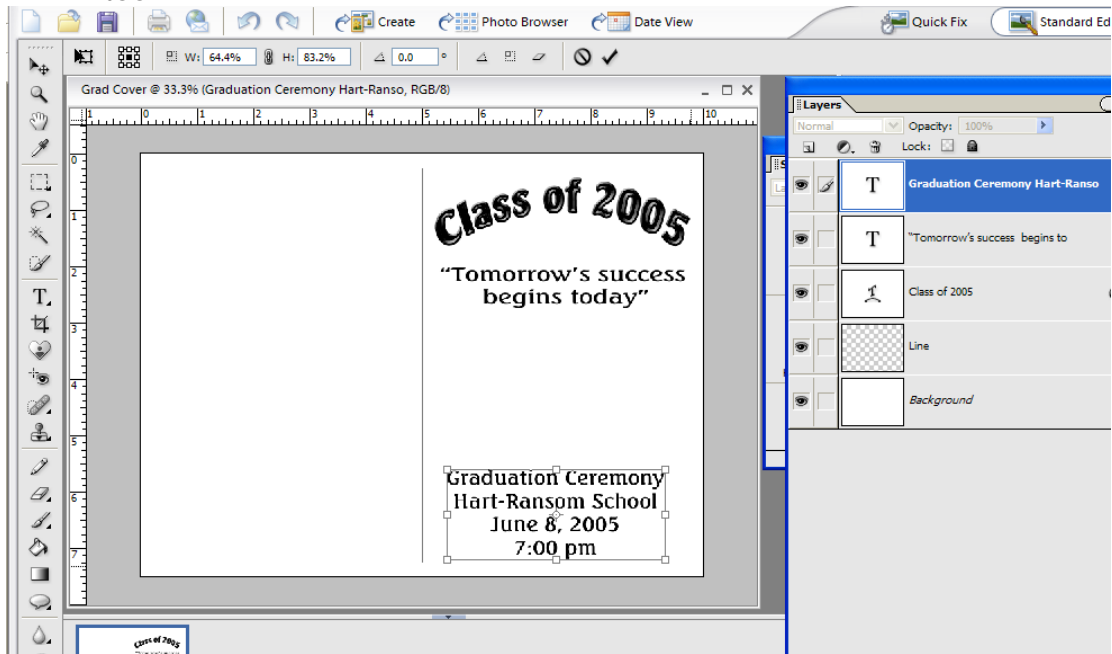
- Use the text warp tool if you wish to add shape to your title:



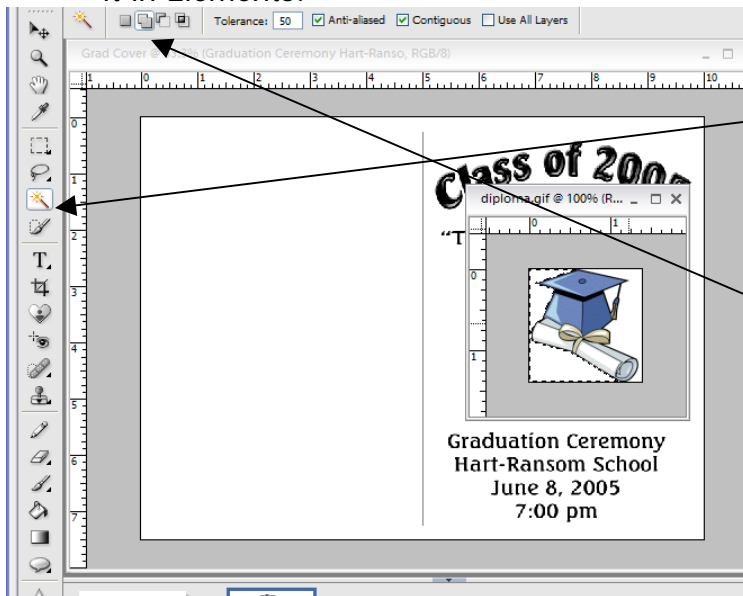
- Add Styles and Effects to give dimension to your title:



- Add additional information to your cover. Adjust size with the move tool:

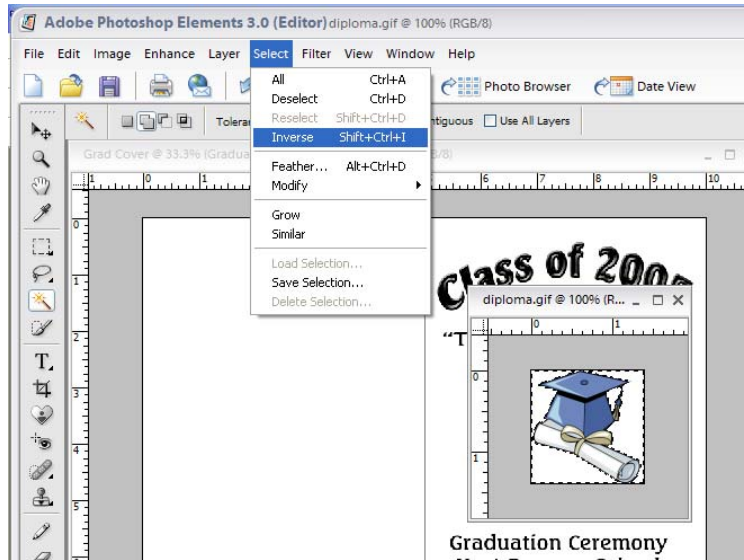


- Acquire a suitable graphic from the Internet or elsewhere and open it in Elements:

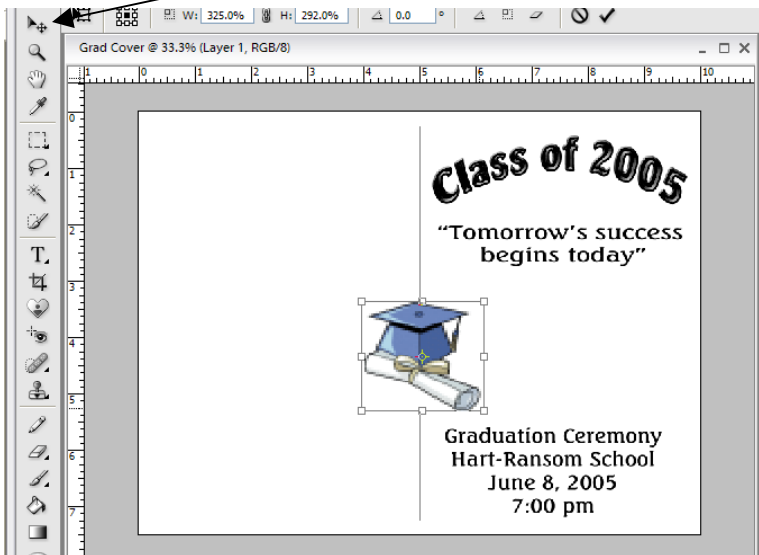


The magic wand selection tool is a good choice here because the graphic is on a solid color background. Use the "add to selection" option to select all the white in the background.

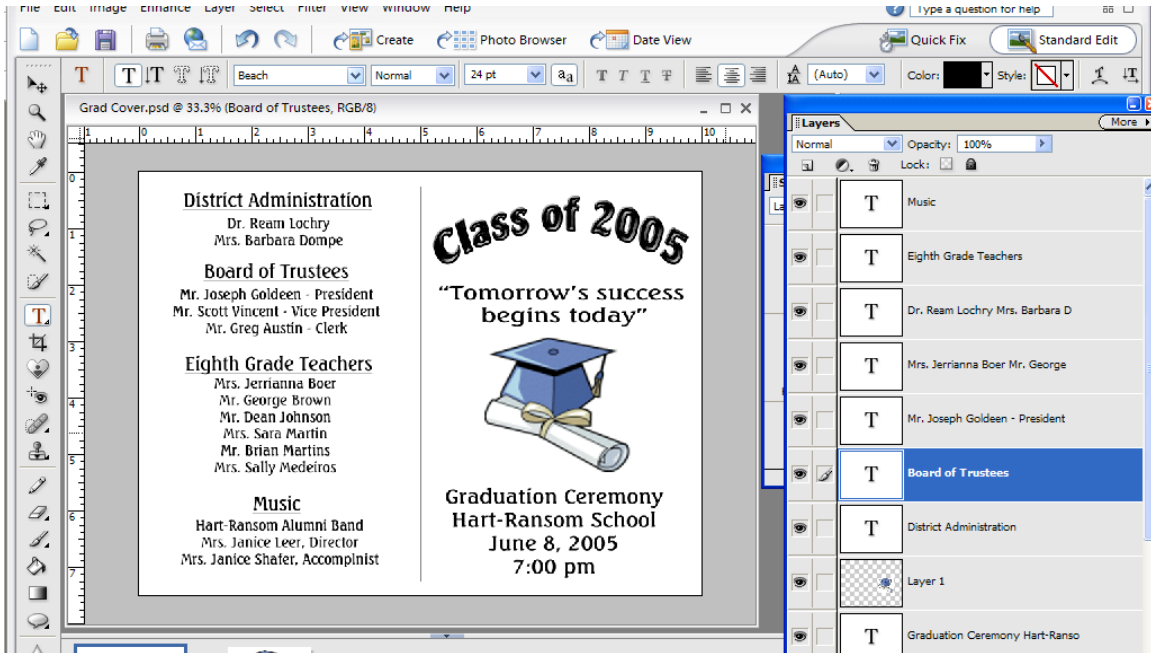
- Select/inverse so that your selection is actually the graphic, and not the background:



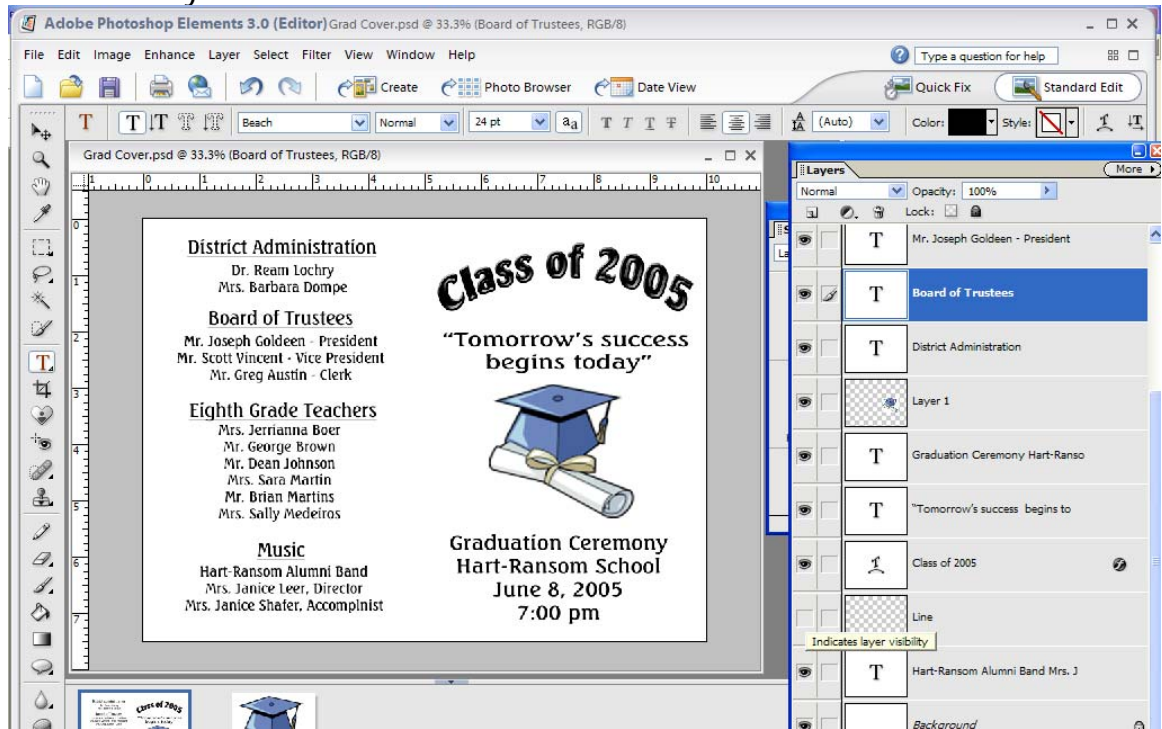
- Move the graphic selection over to the working canvas with the move tool:



- Add the text items to the back of your program:



- "Turn off" your "line" layer by clicking on the eyeball at the left of the layer:



- Print your custom cover!

## Evaluation