



# Pixlr – Gradient

**Objective:** Students will demonstrate how to use the wand tool to erase, adjust color levels, and use the gradient tool.


## Part 1

1. Go to pixlr.com and click  **Open photo editor** 
2. Left-click on this image to open it...then right-click on it and “Save Image As...”



- a. Save it to your folder.
- b. Name the file **SKATE**

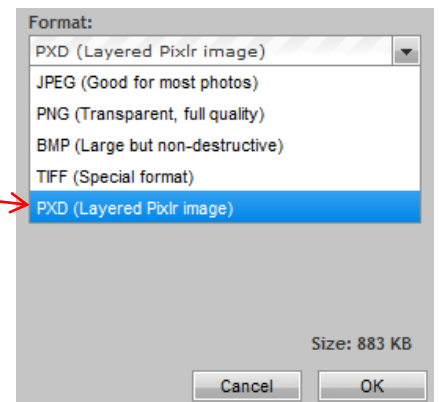
- c. At the bottom, choose the file type like this 

3. Go back  to the directions.

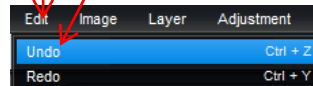
4. Go back to PIXLR and choose 
5. Find the file in your folder and click **OPEN**.

If you don't finish in time...go to **File>Save**.....Name it as **SKATE**

Save it as a PXD file. 



If you ever make a mistake, you can UNDO it by going to the top menu  **Edit> Undo**




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6. In the **LAYERS** window, double click the **LOCK** icon to unlock it and turn it into a **check-mark**.



7. It should look like this.



8. Now, select the wand selection tool  and click in the blue sky area.

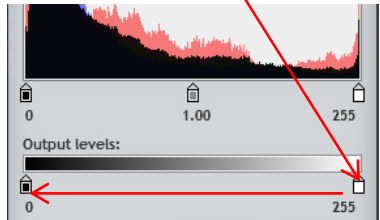


9. Hit the '**delete**' key on the keyboard, it should look like this.

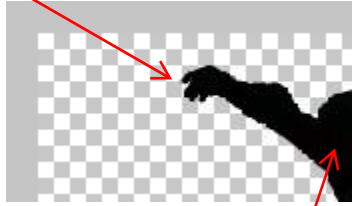



10. Now, hit **CTRL + D**

11. Now, go to the top menu...Adjustment>Levels and drag this slider all the way to the left.




12. It should look like this now.



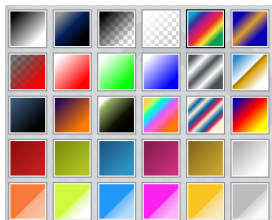
13. Now, take the wand selection tool  and click here. It should look like this with an outline of dashes around it.




14. Next, select the gradient tool  ....and click here at the top to get some gradient options.



15. Your options should look like this. Choose one of these patterns from the choices.

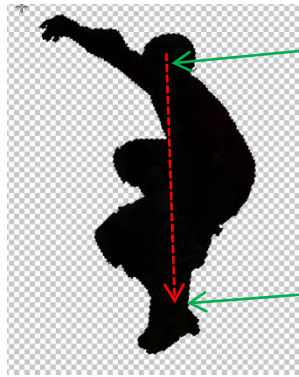


16. Now click this tool  again to make the choices go away.

17. Now your cursor will look like a **+**.


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18. Your image should still be selected with the dots.....Hold the left mouse button down and drag from the top of the head to the feet and then let go. Look at my arrow below to see how to drag it.



Hold the left button down here and start dragging from here...

...let go of the button here.

19. Depending on the gradient you chose.... I chose this gradient  so mine looks like this.



20. Now hit **CTRL + D** to deselect your image.

21. Click this **Paint Bucket tool** .

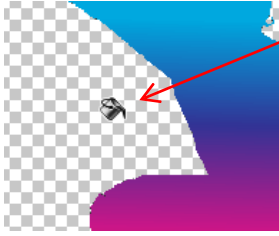
22. Double click here and then choose **WEB** and choose black.



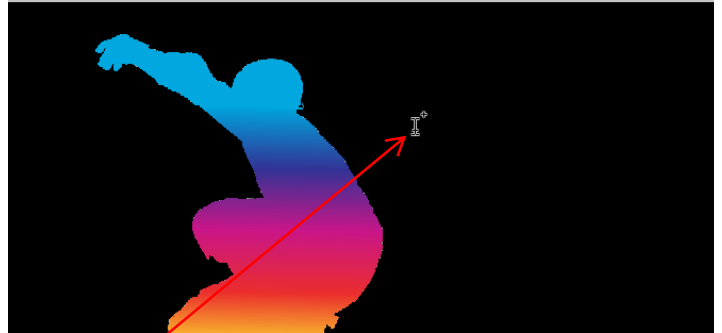
23. Click ok.

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24. Hold your Paint Bucket tool over a blank space and then left-click to fill the background with black.

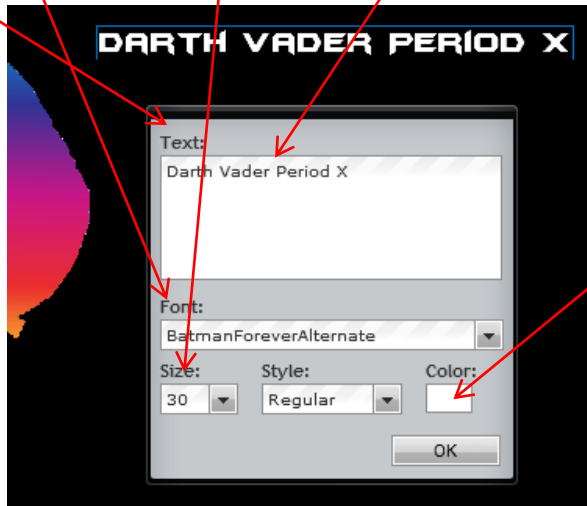


25. It should look like this.



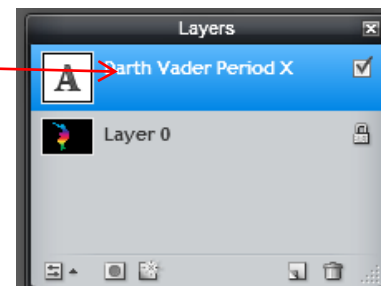
26. Now for some writing. Click this text tool **A** and then click here.

27. In this box....choose a font I can read .... a size that fits...and type your First and Last Name...and Class Period...choose white.



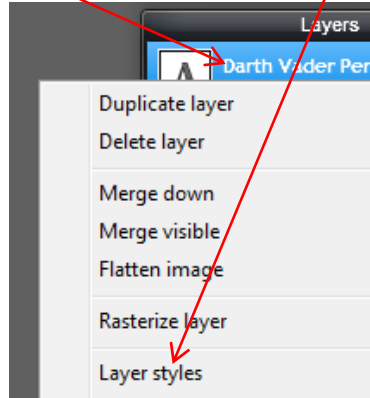
28. Click ok

29. Make sure you have this layer selected and highlighted as blue.

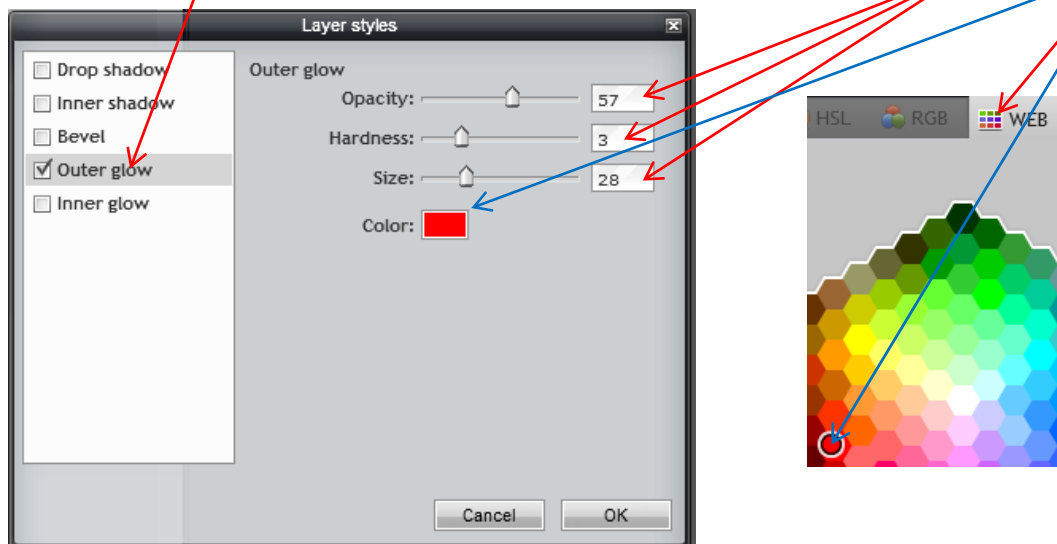


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30. Hold the mouse over this layer...then right-click it and go to **Layer Styles**.



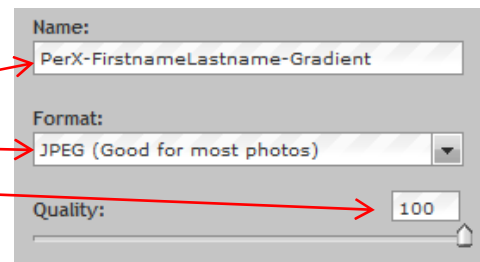
31. Click the mouse on the word **glow** in the Outer glow section...change all of your settings to mine..like this...choose **red**.



32. Click ok.

33. Go to the top menu and choose...**File>Save**

- Save it as **PerX-FirstnameLastname-Gradient**
- Choose JPEG
- Quality 100
- Click ok.



34. Send to me from the website.

**My Example**



## **Part 2**

1. Now find your own image with a solid background. It must be a picture of the entire body or object.
2. Open the image in Pixlr Editor.
3. Follow the steps # 6-32 in Part 1 to cut out the body or object and give it a gradient and add your name, etc.
4. Save the final image as **FirstnameLastname-Gradient2**
5. Submit on canvas.