

Photo Editing Basics

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will take an original photo and apply basic digital edits (cropping, brightness, filters) to improve its composition.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- A tablet, phone, or camera to take a photo
- A device with a free photo editing app (or built-in photo editor)
- Notebook paper

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Take an original photo of a subject of your choice (a pet, a plant, an object, or a scene), thinking about good lighting and framing before you shoot.
2. Open your photo in a free editing app and use the crop tool to improve the composition, removing distracting edges.
3. Adjust the brightness and contrast sliders until the photo looks clearer and better lit than the original.
4. Try applying one filter or color adjustment and decide whether it improves or hurts the photo, keeping it only if it helps.
5. Save both your original and edited photo, and on notebook paper describe the 3 specific edits you made.

QUESTIONS

1. **What was the subject of your photo?**

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2. **List the 3 specific edits you made to your photo.**

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3. **How did cropping change the composition of your photo?**

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4. **Did the filter you tried improve the photo? Why did you keep it or remove it?**
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