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🧙‍♂️"Fantasy Characters, What's Your Power?"

Objective: Students will synthesize foundational human portraits with Photoshop techniques to create an original fantasy character (Hero, Mentor, Creature, or Villain) for the Nicklaus Children's Hospital exhibition.

Standard: V.A.68.H.3.3 - Create imaginative works to include background knowledge or information from other subjects (Literature/Mythology/Science).

Key Constraints:

- **No Fan Art:** Must be a 100% original character.
- **Technical Integration:** Must use at least two digital techniques (Liquify, Blending Modes, etc.).

I. Introduction (15 mins)

Discuss the archetypes mentioned in the brief:

- **The Mentor:** (e.g., Gandalf) – Wise, often older, guiding the hero.
- **The Sidekick:** (e.g., Sancho Panza) – Loyal, supportive, often grounded.
- **The Villain:** (e.g., The Kraken) – Formidable, often physically distorted or dark.

II. The Digital Toolkit (Direct Instruction)

Show students how the physical "Foundational Portrait" is just the skeleton. The "Magic" happens in the edit:

1. **Liquify:** For "Creature" features (pointed ears, exaggerated muscles).
2. **Blending Modes:** To create "Power" effects (glows, energy beams).
3. **Adjustment Layers:** To shift the character into a different realm (blue skin for aquatic, grey for stone).

📝 Student Worksheet: The "Foundational 25" Grid (Part A)

Instructions: Choose **one** base portrait from the list below (see part A). Identify which **Archetype** your character fits and which **Digital Techniques** you will use to transform them.

Part B: Character Design Blueprint

Student Name: _____

Character Name: _____

1. **Which Portrait # did you choose? _____**
2. **What is your character's Archetype?** (Hero, Mentor, Sidekick, Villain, or Creature?)
    - *Answer:* _____
3. **The Transformation Plan (Select at least 2 Techniques):**
    - [ ] **Liquify Tool:** What will you stretch or sharpen? (e.g., "Elongating the fingers")
    - [ ] **Blending Modes:** What will you make glow? (e.g., "Making the eyes glow blue")
    - [ ] **Adjustment Layers:** What is the skin/environment color? (e.g., "Turning the skin to gold")
    - [ ] **Layer Masks:** What are you adding to the background? (e.g., "Blending in a volcanic sky")
    - [ ] **Puppet Warp:** How will you change the pose? (e.g., "Bending the arm further back")
4. **The "Originality" Check:** How is this character different from other superheroes or famous characters (like Spiderman, Voldemort or Gandalf)?
    - *Answer:*
    - _____
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Where did you draw your inspiration from for this character?

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Part A: Choose Your Base from the 25 photos you have taken (The 25 Foundations)

#	Foundation Pose	Suggested Power / Archetype
1	Direct Gaze Portrait	The "Chosen One" (Hero/Heroine)
2	Action Profile	Speed-based powers / Messenger
3	Looking Down/Introspective	Telepathy / The Dreamer
4	Reaching toward Camera	Energy Projection / Mage
5	Hand Close-up (Palms open)	Healing / Elemental Manipulation
6	Hand Close-up (Fist clenched)	Super-strength / The Warrior
7	Foot Close-up (Barefoot)	Earth-speaking / Tactile Sensitivity
8	The Back (Shoulder blades)	Winged Humanoid / Engineering attachments
9	Neck/Spine Profile	Cyborg / Neural-link Technology

10	Portrait in Mask/Goggles	Steampunk Inventor / Pilot
11	The Laughing Portrait	The Chaotic Jester / Trickster
12	The Stern Glare	The Judge / Guardian of Order
13	Head Tilted Back (Looking up)	Flight / Celestial Connection
14	Silhouette (Backlit)	Shadow Manipulation / Assassin
15	Portrait with Complex Hair	Tentacle-hair / Medusa-inspired
16	Extreme Close-up on the Eye	Hypnosis / Laser-vision / Foresight
17	Side Profile (Open Mouth)	Sonic Scream / Siren / Banshee
18	Action Pose: Jumping	High Agility / Beast-kin
19	Action Pose: Crouching	Stealth / Predator / Stalker
20	Skin Texture (Forearm)	Dragon Scales / Bark-skin / Stone-skin

21	Older Portrait (Wrinkles)	The Wise Mentor (Gandalf-style)
22	Young Portrait (Curiosity)	The Apprentice / Magical Child
23	Portrait wearing Armor	Bio-mechanical Soldier / Knight
24	Portrait in Water	Aquatic Shape-shifter / Kelpie
25	Dramatic Shadow (Chiaroscuro)	Dual Personality / Dark Hero