

Creating an Old Movie Effect

This assignment will give us some good practice with filters and creating a nice animated image.

1. Open Photoshop
2. Surf to my teacher website and go to the Digital Art & Animation/Images page. Download the Alamo image...(not the exact picture below.)




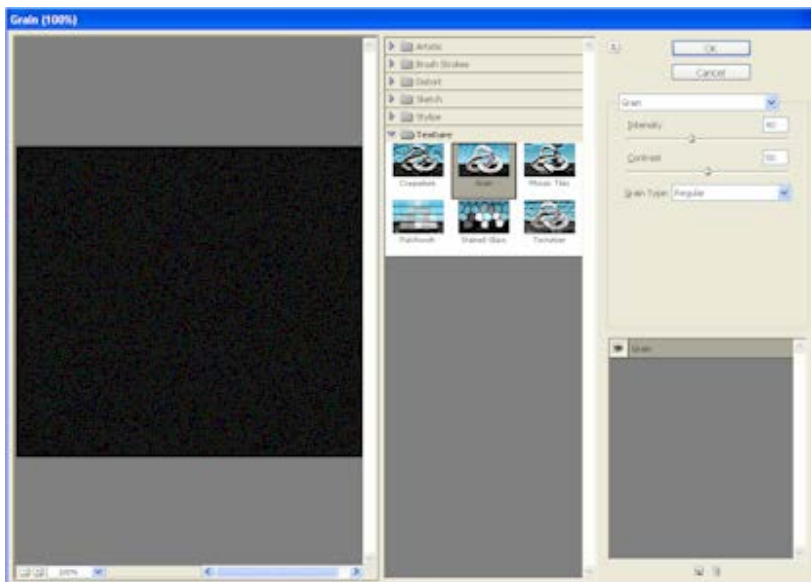
Do you recognize that building?

3. Save the image as **old_movie effect Alamo** in your personal folder
4. Make sure that you are in the **Essential Workspace**.
5. Insert a new layer by clicking the **New Layer button** at the bottom of the layers palette

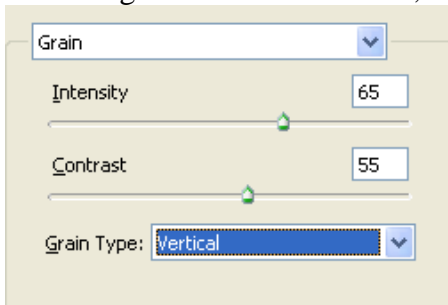


notice that Photoshop inserts a new layer on top of your background layer

6. Press the **D** key to set the foreground and background colors to the default black and white
7. Click the Paint Bucket Tool  and fill the layer with black (or press Alt. + Backspace)
8. Click **Filter/Filter Gallery...** then select **Texture** and click **Grain** in the very large Grain window



9. On the right side of the window, change to the following settings...



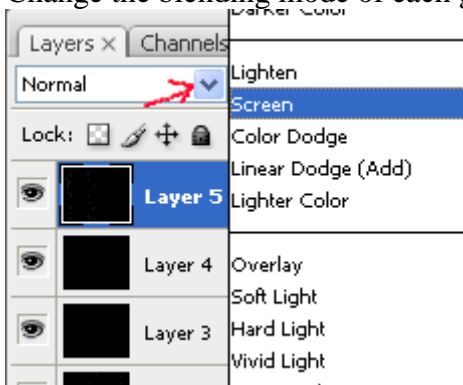
no, you do not have to use the exact same settings as me – choose something you like, but don't go crazy with your grain, too much will just look bad; try to go for something like the image below...



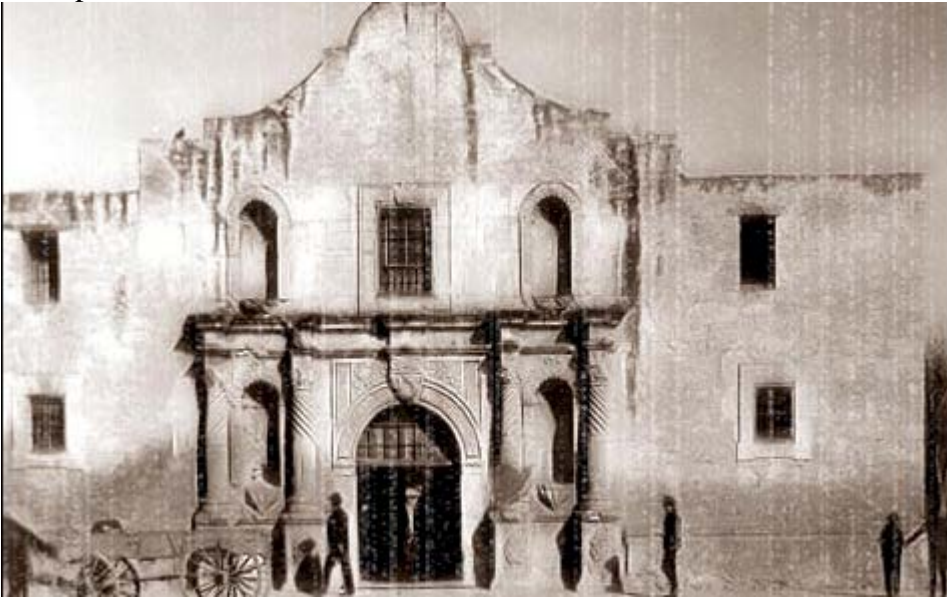
10. Repeat the above process of adding in a layer and applying the Grain filter four more times but each time use slightly different values for Intensity and Contrast so that you have four new, unique grained layers. Make sure you select **Filter/Filter Gallery...** each time after you add a new layer.



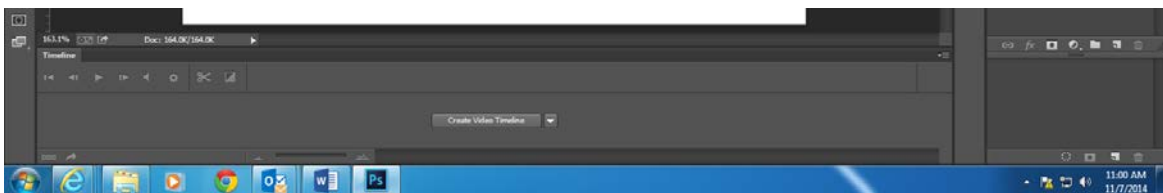
11. Change the blending mode of each grain layers to **Screen**



12. Your picture should similar to the one below...

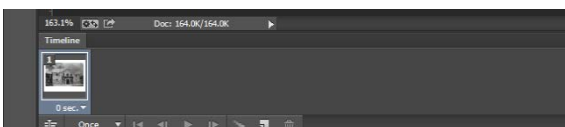


13. To animate our image, click **Window** then click **Workspace** then **Motion** to open the Animation window, which look like one of the graphics below...It will appear at the bottom of your workspace.



The button in the middle lets you select either *Create Video Timeline* or *Create Frame Animation*. Use the down arrow if necessary to Select *Create Frame Animation*. Then click the button to open the Frame Animation view.

14. Make sure you are in Frame Animation view. It will look like the image below.

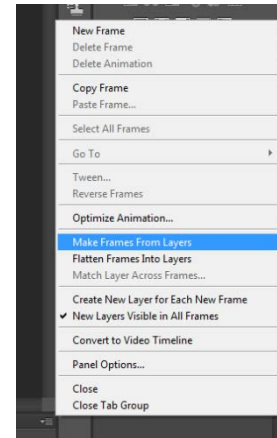
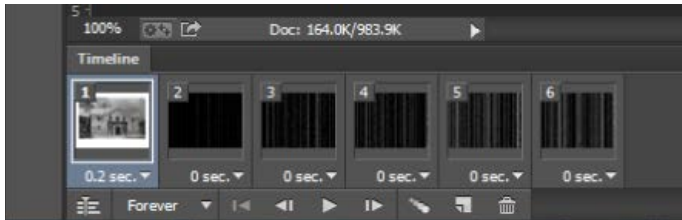


15. You will likely see only one frame (as in the image above), so let's change this so we have each layer on its own frame – click the **fly out menu** in the top-right corner of the Animation window

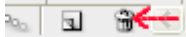


and click **Make Frames From layers**.

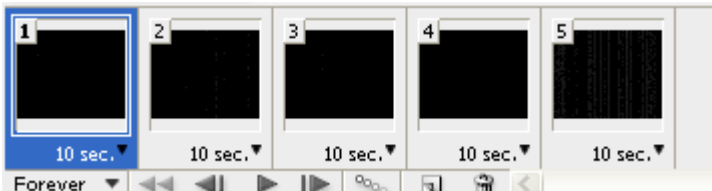
You should now see a frame for each of your layers.



16. You only created 5 layers with the Grain Filter applied, so if you have 6 frames it means that one of them is your background frame, we don't want to include this, so click on frame 1 and press the **Deletes selected frames key** (the little **trash can** below the frames) to remove it



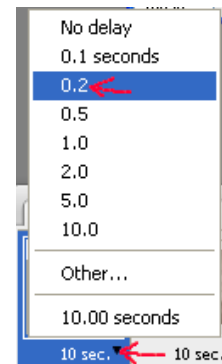
17. You now should have 5 black frames...



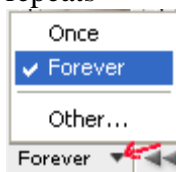
we want to see our original image, so click on each frame and then **turn the visibility (the eye icon) of the background layer on** so you can see it through the grain



18. We need to set the timing for each frame, so click the frame delay time icon under each frame (the little black arrow next to the current delay setting) and change the time to 0.2 – repeat this process for each frame.



19. Click the looping options arrow and choose Forever so your animation repeats



20. Test your animation by clicking the Plays animation button



watch your main image as it plays and you should see the grains cycle over your image as if you were watching an old, grainy movie

21. Let's save our image as a Photoshop file. Name the file – **old movie effect Alamo Lastname Firstname.**

22. Next, save the image as an animated GIF so that it will play when viewed in a browser. Select **File/Save for Web.**

23. Photoshop should recognize that you are saving an animated GIF, so you should only have to click **Save** then surf to your personal folder and save it as **Old Movie Effect Alamo Lastname Firstname.**

24. To make sure the image works, open Internet Explorer and click **File** then click **Open** then click **Browse** and surf to your folder and change the **Files of Type** option to **All Files** and double-click the old_movie.gif file and click **OK**, your image should open and the animation should play

Well done! Since this was a quick introduction to the Grain filter and the Animation tool, our resulting product is pretty static and not very dynamic. It should be obvious to you at this point that by moving objects or people to different positions on each layer that a much more effective animation can be created. The goal here was to introduce you to filters and animation so you can build on these facts in future lessons.