**Layer Mask for a SHAPE (not the entire background)**

1. HIDE all of your project layers (if you have any) by clicking the eye next to the layer.
2. Draw the SHAPE that you want to create using words.
3. RASTERIZE this shape layer (right click>RASTERIZE).
4. Place shape in CENTER.
5. Create a NEW LAYER> fill with one color.
6. Select the TYPE/TEXT tool.
7. Draw a box through your project. Be sure the dashed lines stay within the edges of your project.
8. Open up your Character window. Make your font size 6 or 8 pt. Make your text lines(leading) 6pt. (These sizes can be bigger if your shape is not detailed.)
9. Select your shape layer> CTRL+A (you should see dashed lines around your project)> CTRL+C (copies everything on this layer)
10. Select your text layer> go to the bottom of the layer window> select “add layer mask”—A plain white box should appear on your text layer
11. Hold down the ALT key and click on the white box in your text layer.
12. Click CTRL+V to paste your image (it will be gray).
13. Hold down the ALT key. Click on the small picture (thumbnail) on your text layer.

Your Assignment is finished here.

**OPTIONS**

MERGE your layers:

1. HOLD down the CTRL key.
2. SELECT the TEXT, FILL color, and SHAPE layer that you just created.
3. Right click> Merge OR go to LAYERS>Merge

\*\*Then you may erase the background, lighten the opacity, and edit your layer like any other shape that you make. ☺