You are to create an animation in Photoshop of your choice. Below are general guidelines that must be met for this project, however I strongly encourage you to go above and beyond the minimum requirements.

* New document – 7 inches height, 7 inches width
* Animation should be original work – you should create all the pieces of your animation – no clip art, etc.
* Must include at minimum:
  + Your name (I would animate this as well)
  + Gradient background (you choose the colors – make sure they fit your theme)
  + Combination of shapes and designs (think about the snowman and how many different shapes you created with the shape tool, pen tool, and brush tool)
  + A variety of colors (make sure they fit your theme)
  + Use layer styles (e.g., drop shadow, stroke, bevel, etc) to add effects to your animation. Remember how the brush tool was used on the snowman to create a texturized effect (blending options)
  + Try to use a variety of animation types (e.g., Typewriter, Moving, Strobe)
* Original animation should last AT MINIMUM 15 seconds, but NO MORE than 1 minute in length
* When finished, make sure you change the loop to forever
* Save as a psd and then File > Save for Web. Copy the “gif” file to your “to be graded” folder in Cobra

Examples of possible animations to consider:

* Sports - Someone shooting a basketball, hitting a baseball, running along a track, swimming, etc.
* A book – write a book and flip the pages
* Cartoon characters
* A scene from your favorite holiday (Halloween, Valentine’s Day, Christmas, Fourth of July, etc.)
* Try googling some examples of animations created in Adobe Photoshop CS6 – there are some cool ones out there!

I am looking for quality. This is not to be done as fast as possible. It should probably take around two hours to have a quality product. When you are done, save your animation as psd and gif file in your Photoshop folder. Then copy the gif file to your “to be graded” folder in Cobra. Lastly, grade yourself below. Then, open Animation reflection and type out the answers to the items in the document. Your reflection should be written in full sentences and use correct grammar and punctuation. Don’t forget to spell check. Then print your reflection, staple to this rubric and hand in.

This project is worth **40 summative points**. Grading Rubric to follow is below.

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| **Item** | **Points Possible** | **Your Rating** | **Teacher Rating** |
| Original Artwork | **3** |  |  |
| Your name somewhere in animation | **3** |  |  |
| Gradient background | **3** |  |  |
| Used a combination of shapes and designs – reflects use of a large number of Photoshop tools | **3** |  |  |
| Design is visually appealing (color use) | **3** |  |  |
| Used a variety of layer styles to add effect to animation | **3** |  |  |
| Original animation is between 15 seconds and 1 minute in length | **3** |  |  |
| Animation loop set to “forever” | **3** |  |  |
| Animation was well thought out and represents quality of work and effort | **3** |  |  |
| Saved in appropriate format (save as psd and gif). GIF file is handed in. | **3** |  |  |
| Personal Reflection | **10** |  |  |
| **TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE** | **40** |  |  |