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## Layer Blend Mode

This tutorial will allow you to combine two images flawlessly together into one. This is a great way to easily combine two images, especially to add elements to a landscape photograph. Using a layer blend, we will blend the two images together. The blend mode mixes the pixels of the selected layer with the layer below it. One of the benefits of the layer blend is to allow you to choose the effects you prefer for the composition. Photoshop allows you to preview each of the effects before choosing. In order to perfect your photo, you may need to add a layer mask to one of your layers and use the brush tool to darken specific places in your image. This blending method using the layer blend is a quick and easy way to combine two images adding certain elements to a landscape to create an interesting manipulated image.

### **Follow these steps to blend two images together:**

- Open Photoshop.
- Go to file > scripts > load files into stacks and choose the images desired.
- In the lower right corner in the layer box, select dropdown menu currently labeled as normal.
- Make sure you select the image you desire to be on top of the two so it will be the one most seen.
- Hover over each effect to preview before choosing the desired one.
- Optional: add a layer mask to the bottom layer.
- Once selecting the layer mask, use select the brush tool (B). Make sure to select black over white in the lower left-hand corner. This will allow you to touch up your image in places where the landscape shows through the subject.