IMAGE CORRECTION // DARK PHOTOS

We can quickly fix photos that are too dark by using one of Photoshop's automatic image correction tools: **Auto Tone**, **Auto Contrast**, and **Auto Color.** These tools attempt to correct an image be changing the *luminosity* (brightness and contrast) of the image and can all be located respectively under the **Image Tab**.

If one of the auto correction tools doesn't do the trick — the following method is an easy way to improve a photo that is too dark by using **Layer Modes** that may produce better results.

Using Layer Modes

1) Open the image in need of adjustment in **Photoshop**.

2) Open the **Layers Palette** found under the **Window Tab**.

3) Duplicate the background layer by selecting **Duplicate Layer (figure A)** from the dropout menu in the upper right corner of the **Layers Palette**. Or create a duplicate layer by selecting the background layer and typing **Control-J (PC) // Command-J (Mac)**.

4) Select the **Background Copy** layer and change the **Layer Mode** found in the upper left of the **Layers Palette** from **Normal** to **Screen. (figure B)**

5) Continue to duplicate the **Background Copy** layer until the image has achieved the desired luminosity. You may have to duplicate the layer several times to achieve the desired results.

6) When finished, select **Flatten Image** from the **Layers Drop Down Menu** to merge the duplicate layers into one final layer.

7) **Save** the image.

Original Photo //

Auto Tone Applied //

Layer Mode Applied //

A

B

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