Imagination, Photoshop, & Compositing

Guidelines for Compositing
- Same Light
- Same Focal Length
- Same Perspective
- Preserve Size Relationships
- Solid Background Makes Extraction Easier
- Keep Notes

Drop Shadows

Create "auto" drop shadows with Photoshop **layer styles (fx)**

Create Manual Drop Shadows (Step by Step)

1. Select and tweak original image and add person or object
2. In the layers pallet add a new layer above the background you wish to add a shadow to and name it "Shadow"
3. Outline it loosely with a 10-15 or so pixel feathering if the image is High res
4. Fill the outline with a neutral grey tone.
5. Set blend mode to Multiply to darken shadow and deselect figure
6. Under the Edit menu choose **Transform** and then **Distort**
7. With the Control (Command on Mac) key pressed grab the provided handles and distort the shadow layer to the desired shape
8. Adjust the opacity and deselect