

## Rating Your Images in Bridge, Basic Camera Raw Edits and Basic Cropping

One of the many great features in Bridge to help with organizing your files is that you can rate your images. After having rated your images, it'll help you locate your favorite/best images for future use. Giving them a rating from 1-star (on the low end of the scale) to 5-stars (on the high end of the scale), helps you organize your work and it also forces you to reflect back on your work to help you fine-tune your personal style. For me, this process of rating my images is an essential step for time management, whether I'm working on my personal images or professional images for a client. The rating helps me organize the images quickly and focus on editing only the best of the best.

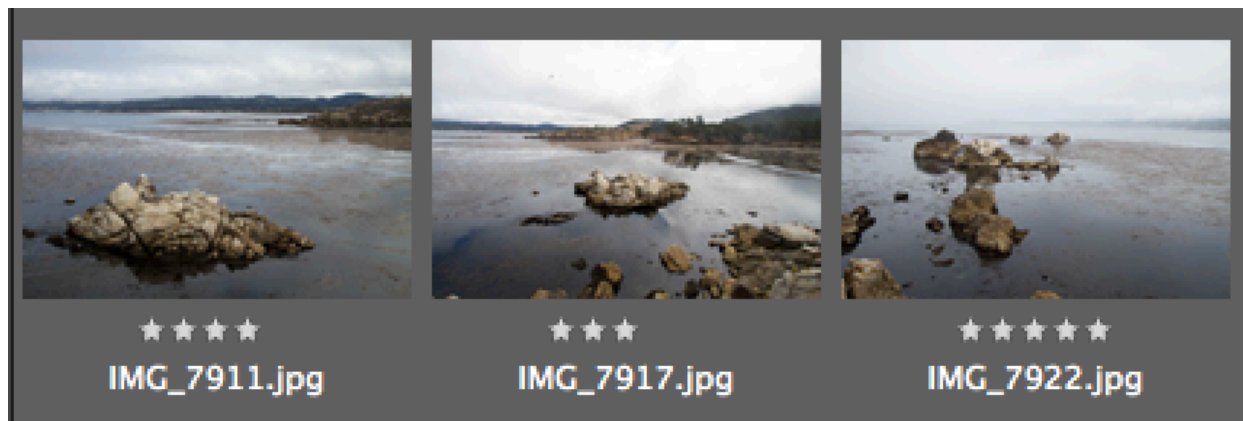
Before rating any images, go to the server and **drag the PS02 folder to your computer. Then close the server** window so you don't accidentally edit the files on the server. Then bring the folder that is on your computer into your personal folder if it is not there already. Now you can work on rating them all and editing the top two images (which you gave a 5-star rating).

Steps (drag the whole PS02 folder to your computer FIRST, then...):

- (1) Rate your images.
- (2) Edit your top two images.
- (3) Create 3 different versions of your top two images with different croppings.

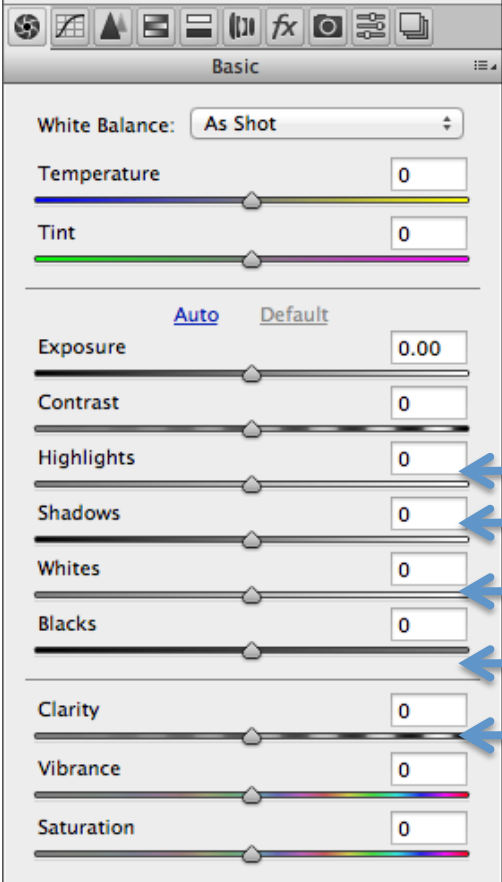
### (1) Rate your image

In this Photoshop assignment you are going to rate all the images in the folder provided (rate them 1-star to 5-star). Reserve a five star rating only for the **top two images** in this project. To rate them you need to either click "command" and a number (1-5) or click one of the five dots under the thumbnail in "content" window of Bridge. As you rate the images, it will look like this:



## (2) Edit your top two images

You will then edit the two images you gave a five star rating. Your goal is to use Camera Raw (Highlights, Shadows, White Point, Black Point, and Clarity) to make the images more accurate.

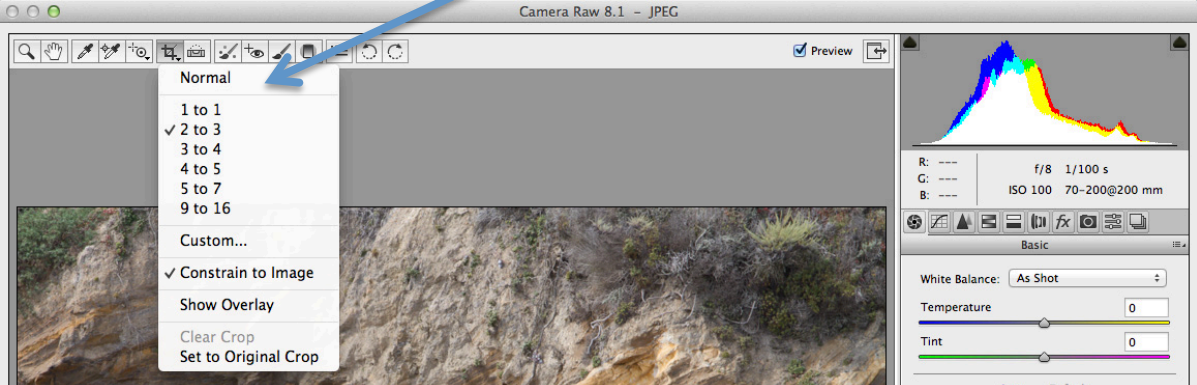


The screenshot shows the Adobe Camera Raw Basic panel. The following adjustments are highlighted with blue arrows and text boxes:

- Highlights:** Slide left to bring detail back into bright areas.
- Shadows:** Slide right to bring detail back into dark areas.
- Whites:** Hold down option and slide right to find white point.
- Blacks:** Hold down option and slide left to find the black point.
- Clarity:** Adjust for clarity (it's similar to sharpening the details).

## (3) Create different versions of your top two 5-star images

After the editing you will play with different crops and different ratios of crops. Save (click the “save image” button and use the file names listed below) three versions of crops that you like for each of the two images you gave a 5-star rating.



The screenshot shows the Adobe Camera Raw 8.1 crop tool menu. The following options are visible:

- Normal
- 1 to 1
- ✓ 2 to 3
- 3 to 4
- 4 to 5
- 5 to 7
- 9 to 16
- Custom...
- ✓ Constrain to Image
- Show Overlay
- Clear Crop
- Set to Original Crop

**What will you turn in? Six images total.** Three different crops from one of the five star images you edited and three different crops from the other five star image you edited. And the folder containing ALL the images that were rated.

Please remember the file naming convention:

**Period-LastNameFirstName-project.jpg**

3-CampbellAaron-image1crop1.jpg

3-CampbellAaron-image1crop2.jpg

3-CampbellAaron-image1crop3.jpg

3-CampbellAaron-image2crop1.jpg

3-CampbellAaron-image2crop2.jpg

3-CampbellAaron-image2crop3.jpg

AND rename the folder as:

3-CampbellAaron-RATED

After the images are named correctly, drag all six images AND the folder into the dropbox (on the Photography Server). Then I can grade them and give you feedback.

At this point it is a good idea to create a folder inside your personal folder, this is called a subfolder, and title it Favorite Images (images I love, My Best, ...). Then as you find your five star images, ones that **you** created with the camera, place a **copy** into this folder. This will be the very beginnings of you finding your style as well as helping you create your own portfolio.

You should also have the following subfolders inside your personal folder:

- Favorite images
- Inspiring images
- Camera Projects
- PS projects