My First Webpage

1. Open SeaMonkey
2. Click on the icon in the lower left hand corner of the screen that looks like a pen and some paper. If you hold your mouse over it **Composer** should pop up.
3. SeaMonkey Composer opens a new blank document. This is the program we will use to create our webpages.
4. Click on *Format*
5. Click on *Page Title and Properties…*
6. A Page Properties box will pop up. In the *Title* box, type "My Homepage". This is the title that will be displayed in the title bar when someone is looking at your webpage. Click *Ok*
7. Now click *File* and *Save As…*
8. This first page will be the page people see when they type in your URL. It needs to be saved as index.html. Type "index.html" in the *File Name* box.
9. You will be saving your webpages in the Talents Academy folder on your computer. Please save all the things you do into this folder.
10. Once you are back to your document, type the following at the top:
    Fill in your name here → "*Your name*'s Webpage"
11. You can change the font, it's size, the color, and the alignment of the text by first clicking at one end of the text, holding down the left mouse button and dragging over everything you've type so far. This is also known as highlighting. Then click on *Format*. You can change a many different things about your text in this menu. Play around with them to see what some of the options do.
12. A note about choosing fonts for your webpage: Composer will allow you to select any font that is available on your computer to use for your webpage. However, if you choose a font that is not on the computer of the person who is viewing your website, the browser will substitute another font and it might not look anything like you intended. I recommend sticking to standard fonts such as Arial and Times New Roman for the majority of your text.
13. After you've checked out what the different options do, format your text as follows: **Font:** Arial **Size:** x-large **Text Style:** Underline **Text Color:** blue **Align:** Center
14. Save by clicking the *Save* button at the top.
15. We can also change the color of the background or use an image for the background. It used to be popular to have a background picture, but now people are finding that less is more. Stick to white or another light color! To change the background color click *Format*, *Page Colors and Background…* This will bring up a dialog box.
16. To change the background color, first click *Use custom colors*. The bottom one is *Background*. Click on the button with the colored box and choose any other color for the background. Play around with it for a bit; try some different colors on your page. When you're finished, set the page background color to gray and click *Ok* to close the dialog box.
17. SAVE!!
18. Click at the end of your heading and hit enter 3 times.

19. Now let's add some content to your first page…
20. Type "These are some of my favorite links:" Select that text and get rid of the underlining by clicking on the button that has the U in the toolbar. This removes the underline from your selected text.
21. Now make the **Size**: medium
22. Click at the end of what you just typed and hit enter twice.
23. Now type "http://www.marshall-mn.org"
24. Click and drag over what you just typed to select it.
25. Now with the text highlighted, right click on it and select *Create link…*
26. This brings up a dialog box that allows you to create a hyperlink, then when someone looks at your website they will be able to click on http://www.marshall-mn.org and it will take them to the Marshall community website. Composer fills in the address from what you typed, so all you have to do is click *Ok* and the text should be blue and underlined. You've created your first hyperlink!
27. There are other ways to create hyperlinks, which we'll look at in the future.
28. SAVE!!!
29. Now lets put your first page online!
30. Go to www.geocities.com and sign-in to the account that you created.
31. Once signed in click on *Manage* under the **Geocities Control Panel**
32. Click on *File Manager* under **File Management Tools**
33. Click *Open File Manager*
34. Click on the *Upload Files* button on the far right side of the screen.
35. Click on the *Browse…* button and go to where you're index.html is saved.
36. Click on the file to select it. Then click *Open*.
37. The file and its path should show up in the first box. Click *Upload Files*.
38. If everything worked right you should see a message that shows the filename and says **Uploaded successfully**.
39. Then click *File Manager* to go back to the listing of files.
40. We need to get rid of the default index.htm that Geocities puts in there for you. To do that, click the checkbox in front of that file. Then click the *Delete* button. It will ask if you really want to delete, if so (yes!), click the *Delete Files* button and it's gone!
41. Now open up a new browser window and type in the address of your website…it should be something like: www.geocities.com/mb_talents ← fill in your Yahoo ID here.
42. And there it is! Your website and the first webpage you created!
43. Next we'll look at adding some pictures and other types of links.
44. Feel free to share your URL and have people check out what you're up to!!
45. Make sure you *Sign Out* of the administration site so no one else can mess with what you've done.