

# Dodge and Burn using history brush in PhotoShop

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1. Duplicate file (**ctrl J**)
2. Select history brush, or hit **Y**
3. Tick box next to the layer via copy (**history**)
4. Select mode type from drop down mode menu:
5. The main four to use are:  
**multiply** and **colour burn** for darkening; and  
**screen** and **colour dodge** to lighten
6. Use very low opacities, especially for colour burn. I usually only use **1** or **2**. Have gone up to **25** or **30** for dog eyes in colour dodge. But generally, very low numbers. It's easier to go over a few times than have it too much in the first place.
7. If you need to undo or reduce a section, choose **normal** from the mode dropdown menu, it acts as an eraser. 100% will erase any history completely, or use a lower opacity to lessen effect.
8. If the overall effect is a bit strong, use the opacity slider on your layer to bring it down a bit.