- Open Word and write a generic Christmas letter
 - This letter will contain information you want to send to everyone
 - Save the letter in your personal folder as "Generic Xmas Letter 2011"
- Open a new document
- On ribbon, click Page Layout and in the Page Setup section, click Margins, then select Custom Margins...
 - On the Margins tab,
 - Set all margins to 0.8
 - Click the Layout tab, then click the Borders... button
 - On the Page Border tab
 - Click the **button** on the right side of the Art: drop-down list box and select the poinsettias
 - Set the Width: to 31 pt
 - Apply to: Whole document
 - Click the **Options**... button
 - Set all margins to 20 pt
 - Measure from: Edge of page
 - There should be a check mark in the check box to the left of, Always display in front
 - Click the OK button
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- On the ribbon, click the Home tab
 - Change the font to Old English Text (Bld English Text)
 - Change the font size to 36
 - Click the "B" (Bold) button
 - Change the font color to Red
- Type *Merry Christmas* then tap the space bar two times
- On the ribbon, click the Insert tab and in the Illustrations section click Clip Art
 - In the right panel (Clip Art), type "christmas" in the text box and tap the Enter key
 - Results should be: All media file types
 - For Word 2010 there should be a check mark in the check box to the left of, Include Office.com content
 - + For Word 2007, Search in: All collections
 - Click the Go button
 - Click on one of the clip-art thumbnails
 - Click on the clip-art to display the enclosure (the border with the circle in the corners)
 - Drag-and-drop the corner of the image to resize it to the desired size (make it about three quarters of an inch tall)
 - Place the mouse pointer on the image and drag-and-drop the clip-art in the top right corner of the document to the right of Merry Christmas

- Select another clip-art image
 - Drag-and-drop the corner of the clip-art to resize it to the desired size (make it about three quarters of an inch tall)
 - Place the mouse pointer on the image and drag-and-drop the clip-art to the left of the first piece of clip-art
- Select another clip-art image
 - Drag-and-drop the corner of the clip-art to resize it to the desired size (make it about three quarters of an inch tall)
 - Place the mouse pointer on the image and drag-and-drop the clip-art to the left of the other two pieces of clip-art
- Close the Clip-art panel
- Tap the Enter key one time
- On the Home tab of the ribbon
 - · Change the font to your preferred style
 - Change the font size to 12
 - Click the "B" Bold button
 - Change the font color to black
 - In the Paragraph section, click the Line and Paragraph Spacing button
 - Select 1.0
 - Tap the Enter key one time
 - Type a greeting [type Dear Jim and Sue,]
 - Tap the Enter key two time and type some personal information you want to share with Jim and Sue, them tap the space bar one time
- Insert the text of your generic news letter
 - Locate your generic newsletter
 - Hold down the Ctrl key and tap the "A" key to highlight all of the text
 - Right-click on the highlighted text and select Copy
 - Go back to your newsletter and make sure the insertion point is still properly positioned
 - In the Clipboard section of the Home tab, click **on the clipboard** to paste the text of the generic letter in the document
- You can insert digital photos or clip art in with the text of the document
 - To insert a photo
 - On the ribbon, click the Insert tab
 - In the Illustrations section, click Picture
 - Locate the photo you want to use, **click it to highlight**, then click the **Insert** button
 - Drag-and-drop the corner of the photo to resize it to the desired size
 - You should now be on the Picture Tools Format tab of the ribbon
 - In the Arrange section, click Wrap Text and select More Layout Options...
 - On the Text Wrapping tab
 - In the Wrapping style section, select Square
 - In the Wrap text section, select Both Sides, then click the OK button

- Drag-and-drop the photo to the desired location [place the photo on the left side of the document]
- To make it easier to insert pictures and clip-art, you can do the following
 - Click the File tab and select Options
 - In the left panel, click Advanced
 - + Scroll down to the Cut, copy, and paste section
 - Click the **black triangle** on the right side of the drop-down text box for Insert/paste pictures as: and select **Square**, then click the **OK** button
- Repeat the procedure to add more photos or clip-art to the document
- If you are going to add photos and clip-art to the second page, things can get complicated
 - Here are some tips
 - Go to the second page and click below the text
 - Use the Enter key to move the insertion point about half way down the empty space
 - Now insert a photos or clip-art
 - Resize and position the image
 - If the image moves to the first page, drag-and-drop it below the text on the second page
 - In the Arrange section of the Picture Tools Format tab of the ribbon, click Wrap Text and select More Layout Options...
 - Click the **Position** tab and place a check mark in the check box to the left of, Lock anchor, then click the **OK** button
 - Drag-and-drop the image to the desired position
- Click below the bottom of the text to display the insertion point and type your salutation, then tap the **Enter** key
- If the images start moving, do a Ctrl + Z
 - Click on the last image and go back to the Position tab for Wrap Text / More Layout Options.. and remove the check mark from the check box to the left of, Move object with text, then click the **OK** button
 - Now type your salutation and tap the Enter key
- Type your name(s)
- Tap the **Enter** key to move the insertion point to a position about two inches from the bottom of the document
 - Change the font to Edwardian Script
 - Change to font size to 36
 - Click the "B" Bold button
 - Change the font color to green
 - Type Happy New Year
 - Highlight the text
 - In the Paragraph section of the ribbon, click the **Center** button to move the text to the center of the document
- On the ribbon, click **File** and select **Print** to see what your document will look like when printed

- If you need to go back to your document to make a change, click the Home tab
- When you are satisfied with your letter, click File and select Save As
 - Give your document a meaningful file name and save to the desired location (like a 2011 Xmas Letter folder in My Documents)