Scanning

 $AxB \div C = Scanning Resolution$

Make sure you scan at a high enough resolution. Some scanners will calculate for you but always double check that you have the number of pixels needed.

A Size of image needed (long Side)

10 in.

8 in.

B Output Resolution

This is usually

300 pixels (or dots) per inch for print or 72 pixels (or dots) per inch for web

AxB gives you the number of pixels needed on the long side. In this example it is 3000

 $A \times B = 3000$

To know how many pixels the scanner must make from every inch divide by the size of your input. (the long side of the film or print to be scanned)

C $AxB \div C = Scanning$ Resolution

 4x6 print
 $3000 \div 6 =$ 500 ppi

 2 inch square print
 $3000 \div 2 =$ 1500 ppi

 35mm negative
 $3000 \div 1.5 =$ 2000 ppi

For the best workflow;

Scan your film at a high bit depth: 16 bits per channel (sometimes called 48bit color) Save you file as a .tif or .psd NOT a jpg!