**Making a Digital Story**

A digital story is a story being told using still images, video, voice narration, and music. Due to the storage space that they require they tend to be between three to five minutes long. Below are the basics to making a digital story.

* Required Hardware:
  1. Computer
  2. Digital camera and/or scanner
  3. Microphone
  4. Photo editing software (iPhoto or Photoshop for example)
  5. Sound recording software (Audacity for example)
  6. Video editing software (Microsoft Movie Maker for example)
* Steps To Making A Digital Story:
  1. Choose pictures that will be important to your story.
  2. Choose music that will evoke the emotion you want to portray with your story. (For example if you are making a story about a fun trip to the circus you might want to choose lively, fun music.)
  3. Write a short narration. Approximately 140-150 words.
  4. Put your pictures into your video editing software in the order that you would like for them to best tell your story.
  5. Put your music into the video editing software in the section for ‘Music’.
  6. Using your sound recording software record yourself reading the narration.
  7. Put your narration into the video editing software in the section for ‘Narration’.
* Websites With Samples of Digital Stories
  1. [Center for Digital Storytelling: Stories](http://www.storycenter.org/stories/)
  2. [Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling (click on ‘Examples’.)](http://digitalstorytelling.coe.uh.edu/)
* Websites of Interest:
  1. [Audacity](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/)
  2. The Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling (This link is above and it also has a lot of resources to show how to make a digital story.)
  3. [Center for Digital Storytelling](http://www.storycenter.org/index1.html)