

The Digital Storytelling Process

Select a Topic

The digital storytelling project begins the same way you start a research paper... by identifying the topic.

Research the Content

Write questions you have about this topic. You will research a variety of reference materials to help answer your questions.

Write the Script

The research paper (or poem, story, etc.) will become your "script." It will include an introduction, body, and conclusion. Use an outline or mind map to organize your paragraphs. Each question you research will become the main topic of a paragraph. The relevant details used in the paragraph should answer the question.

Collect the Images

Your script will become your "guide" to complete the digital storytelling process. As you read your script, what images would best enhance your story? Collect those images with an Internet search engine, digital camera, scanner, etc.

Import & Arrange the Images

Import your images into PhotoStory, MovieMaker, PowerPoint, etc. Arrange the images according to your script. It is a good idea to have a "title" page at the beginning and a "references" page at the end.

Insert Narration, Audio, and Music

Practice reading your script several times before you attempt to record your narration. Be sure to talk over the top of the microphone to avoid "puffs" in your audio. Add background music that enhances the mood/feeling of your story.

Select Your Distribution Format

The last step of the process is to make sure the story can be viewed by your audience. This may involve converting your project file to a video format such as Windows Media Video. Make sure your audio is clear and at an appropriate volume.

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