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Goal and Purpose

- To get away from lecturing 100% of the time or to alleviate children sitting idle, which many of us grew up with.
- To meet the needs of the students which accommodate learning for all.
- To engage the children in productive hands on experiences.

Example Clips

- [Dozier Elementary Clips](#) (Most have directions or plans with the clip)
- [Wish List Example](#) (Not videos, but many Christmas Tech Ideas [here](#))
- [Erath High School Video \(Weekly\)](#) - Link to set up ([Generic Ideas](#))
- I can't view your clips. What do I do?

Links to get started

- [Vermilion Parish Technology Site](#) (Click on Digital Tools)
- [Digital Tools](#)
- [Flip Camera Links](#)

How can making videos help with the curriculum?

- Creating videos that tie into curriculum topics can engage the students in an effective way. Put the project in their hands to give them responsibility.
- Lori Porter @ Dozier has started a lesson plan page.
<http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/dozier4/loriporter.htm>

What should I film?

- I would recommend you do something small first, then allow students to video. Film reports, hellos, interviews, weather casts, songs, chants, etc.

Where do I get ideas or lessons?

- Vermilion Parish Flip Camera Lessons!
- <http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/curriculum/tech/multimedia/lessons.htm>
- Dozier's Digital Wish Site (Our Plans)
- http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/dozier/eye/09_10/digitwishplans/dwplans.htm
- Lori Porter's Plans
- <http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/dozier4/loriplans/loritechplans.htm>
- Digital Wish Lesson Plan Library
- http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/view_lesson_plans

What kind of camera do I need?

- The beauty of the digital age is the many forms of cameras. Flips, cameras for macs, digital video cameras, still cameras with digital video features, phones, etc.
- Another plus-cheaper cameras available.
- Digital Wish has 2 for one camera prices. We were able to get 6 cameras with a 2 to 1 sale.
<http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/product?id=4310>
- You could show leaders.
- The cost is reasonable.

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- Set up a campaign for your classroom.
- Write a class letter and collect donations. With permission from leaders first.

Resource Links

- [Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling](#)
- [Action! Get the Cameras Rolling with Digital Storytelling](#)
- [Picnik](#) (Free but limited and paying. For photos)
- [Lunapic](#) (Free for photo)
- [Rollip](#) (Free for photo)
- [Photostory 3](#) (Still photos)
 - [Photo Story Matters! Teaching Idea](#)
 - [Photo Story Tutorials](#)
 - [Using Microsoft Photostory 3 \(Written Directions\)](#)
 - [How to create a photo story using Photo Story 3](#)
 - [21st Century Teaching / Photostory 3 Examples](#)
 - [Photo Story Resources](#)
- [Masher](#) (Photo and video)
- [Animoto](#) (Photo and video)
- [One True Media](#) (Photo and video)
- [Photo Peach](#) (Photo)
- [Movie Maker 2](#) (Photo and video)
- [Windows XP: Movie Maker 2.1 Download](#) (Photo and video)
- [Windows Movie Maker 2.6](#) (Photo and video)
- [Windows Movie Maker 2 - Atomic Learning](#) (Photo and video)
- [Windows Live Movie Maker – Download](#) (Photo and video)
- [Windows Live Movie Maker 2011](#) (Photo and video)
- [More](#)

How much work is it?

- It doesn't have to be large projects. Start small. It can be reading reports, singing a special song with a message, saying "hello" to someone sick, soldiers, etc.

Are the students really engaged?

- If you monitor the students and lessons, YES! Have clear expectations set up BEFORE you begin. State the goal for them to know what is expected. Monitor groups or individually closely.

What do I do after I have the film clips?

- You can watch it from the camera.
- You can download it on your desktop.
- If the children can be online, you can upload them on your website and embed the file.

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Who films the segments?

- Anyone you are comfortable with filming. It can be you or the students. I have seen children as young as Kindergarten filming their own clips.

If I post it, what should I do?

– I am basically NOT a fan of YouTube in the classroom due to the comment section.

- [One True Media](#) (Free and limited or paying site)
- [Animoto](#) (Free and limited or paying site)
- [Masher](#) (Free and limited or paying site)
- [SchoolTube](#) (Free)
- [Teacher Tube](#) (Free)
- [Kids Tube](#)
- [Panraven](#)
- [More Links](#)

How to I convert video files?

- Converting media if you need to edit with Movie Maker.
- One site I really use is [Hamster Video Converter](#). *Directions to Hamster [here!](#)
- Know your file type. Flip cameras have MP4 files. You can have .avi, .wmv, etc.
The reason?
- If you want to “edit” in Windows Movie Maker, you may have to convert the file from an MP4 to a .wmv.

Clips do not play online

- For Windows Media File Clips: Video doesn't show in the center box? Read this information.
NOTE: Best viewed with Internet Explorer. If you have Safari, Firefox and other browsers, the clip may NOT play. It may take a few seconds to load. If nothing shows below the title, you may not have the correct browser to view this OR you need to update some of your media resources. You can try installing (or updating) [flash player](#), as well as [shockwave player](#). You may also need to install or update [Windows Media Player](#). Then reboot your computer. If the video, still doesn't show, you will need to open it with Internet Explorer browser. You can "mute" the sound on the player.
- If you are trying to view mp4 files (directly from the Flip Camera, you may want to install [Quick Time](#).
- [Real Player](#)

Music Links

- Pre-created sites/programs with music within them.
Sites like One True Media, Animoto, Masher have music within the site.
- Flip Camera Program also has free music within the site.
- Freeplaymusic.com @ <http://freeplaymusic.com> (Can't post online however) Classroom use only
- Sites you can use online but you need to credit them.
 - Free Music @ <http://www.seabreezecomputers.com/tips/freemusic.htm>
 - DanoSongs.com @ <http://www.danosongs.com>
 - Sonnyboo.com @ <http://sonnyboo.com/music/music.htm>

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How do I do all of this and remain sane?

- Management is the key.
 - Start slow. Be prepared with materials before class begins. Have resources in place.
 - Have a routine that students can understand.
 - Before I began any lesson, I explained what our goal was and how we would pace ourselves.
 - Lori Porter, now has a sheet she hands out for the entire lesson. That is given at the beginning and she states her expectations.

Project Based Learning

- [Project Based Learning: Differentiated Learning](#) (Many links)
- What is project-based learning? ([From the Literacy Assistance Center](#)) Project-based learning (PBL) is an approach to instruction that focuses on problem-solving and/or product development. Learners generally work collaboratively in groups to solve a problem, accomplish a task, or both. PBL helps students see how the skills and content they learn in the classroom can apply to real-life.
- Presentation PowerPoint
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