

Trekking to Hollywood

Ideas for Windows Movie Maker

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You've honored us with your presence for four hours to learn the basics of Window's *Movie Maker*. Where do you go from here?

Personal

- Do you have a relative that you wish to record for future generations?
- Send movies of your children to far away relatives
- Record for insurance purposes and place a disc in your safety deposit box
- Family vacation movie "snippets" (do you want friends to suffer through four hours of video of your vacation?)
- Send a video from your class to a soldier in Iraq/Afghanistan/on deployment
- Make a video retirement for somebody at your school

Classroom Ideas

- Have students make their own *Reading Rainbow* style book reports
- Record cloud types
- Have students go on scavenger hunts with video cameras (find a pistil/find a sedimentary rock/etc.)
- Have students reenact a historical figure
- Have students make Ken Burns-style documentaries by downloading primary source pictures (i.e. The Civil War)—make sure to identify the sources!
- Biography video reports on a family member
- Make a news report of an historical event (i.e. Lewis and Clark return from their expedition)
- Use the water color effect for an art report on Impressionism
- Take your camera on a trip to show landforms/regions/historical places (NO COPYRIGHT VIOLATIONS BECAUSE IT'S Y-O-U-R movie!)
- Have students create a play
- Use *M. M.* as a modification (i.e. student acts out an SOL, such as causes for the American Revolution/shows why fractions must be like denominators/describes part of a flower, etc.)
- Have students recreate a Civil War event and use the Sepia effect
- Identify a tree in the school yard. Record the changes of seasons and tape/place the camera in the EXACT same place. Place the videos on the story board and change to the timeline setting. Drag the videos over each other (effect) and the tree "changes before their eyes"
- Record lessons that students have particular difficulty with (i.e. what is a prepositional phrase/show cloud types/equivalent fractions/how to draw in perspective/how to dribble a basketball/etc.) and make your classroom computers learning stations
- Keep a record of your class activities during the year (first day of school as students enter/field trips/parties/special occasions) and make an end-of-the-year disc for students to take home. Make sure that you have Media Release forms for each student!

Are there any links that I can go to to review?

- *Atomic Learning*: On line video tutorials: <http://www.atomiclearning.com/moviemaker2>
- *Mighty Coach*: <http://www.mightycoach.com/articles/mm2/index.html>
- This is cute: <http://www.saskschools.ca/resources/techref/moviemaker/movie.html>

- Georgia Movie Academy: <http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/nisa/moviemaker.htm>

Ideas/lesson plans:

- eMints: <http://www.emints.org/ethemes/resources/S00001585.shtml>
- L. Summit (Missouri): awesome set of links for PhotoStory, Movie Maker, etc.: <http://its.leesummit.k12.mo.us/digitalmedia.htm>
- Curious George: http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view_printer_friendly.asp?id=986

The possibilities are endless! Contact your building DT for further assistance.