

Creative Writing - Digital Storytelling Assignment

A digital story is a video that mixes the voice of the author telling a story with photos, video clips, text, sounds, and background music to produce an original piece that has an impact on the viewer. The best way to understand digital stories is to watch some. You can go to storycenter.org and browse the archive.

You can make your digital story about anything you want as long as it is appropriate for school. Bring questions about the appropriateness of material to me.

Your story must fulfill the following requirements:

- Be at least three but no longer than five minutes long
- Include a script which you will read, visual images, and an introductory title
- Include a description of at least one moment essential for the story
- Credit any non-original work

Due:

First draft of script is due this Friday, September 4th end of class

Draft for peer review due start of class Friday, September 11th

Story done Friday, September 25th

What do I need to do?

- Keep loose. There are stories all around you. Pick something that resonates in your body and start to develop it. Don't get it perfect, get it going.
- Keep up on the homework as we develop your script. We'll be dealing with a different element of the digital story each day.
- Take photos, shoot video, record sounds, copy music that relates to your story
- Identify important old photos, home movies, papers, objects, personal items, etc. that relate to your story
- Figure out what video editing software you want to use. Some options include: Windows Movie Maker, Final Cut, iMovie, or Adobe Premiere.

Evaluation: We will define what beautiful work means for this assignment and how you wish to assess your stories. Draft Script is worth 20 points (4%) of your final grade. Final video is worth 40 points (8%) of your final grade.

Why are we doing this?

- The digital storytelling format facilitates deep reflection and truth telling that is authentic to the individual; any good writing strives for this level of truth
- The elements you'll learn putting together this story apply to the stories and poems you'll write for the class. I want you to learn these things by making the story instead of me talking to you about them.
- Putting together a digital story ups your digital and media game
- It will give you a great product to show people that you're a smart, thoughtful person. You will post it on your DP and can potentially include it as part of your college application