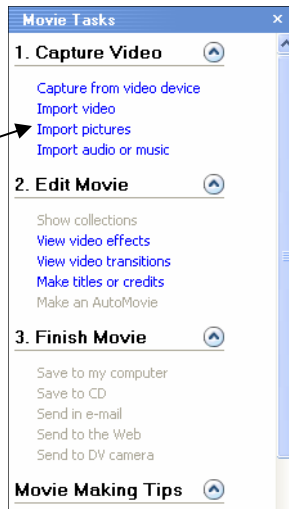


## Crosby ISD – Digital Storytelling with Windows Movie Maker

Windows Movie Maker allows students and teachers to create multimedia presentations with graphic images, video, narration, and music. To get started, create a folder on the desktop to contain all of the files connected to the project. Remember to save everything in this folder before starting a Movie Maker project!



Open Windows **Movie Maker** from the Start Menu. Click on All Programs, then on Windows Movie Maker. The tasks to make a movie are listed in order on the left side of the screen:

**Capture Video** and Import pictures, audio, music, or video;

**Edit Movie** and add effects, transitions, titles and credits;

**Finish Movie** by saving in a variety of formats.

### Capture Video/Import Pictures/Audio/Music

1. Click on **Import pictures** from the **Movie Tasks** list.
2. Select the project folder on the desktop.
3. Click on **Import**.
4. Highlight the images, audio, and music files.
5. Click on **Import** to place the contents of the folder in the Collections area. The images will open as thumbnail pictures.
6. Drag the media to the storyboard in the order desired, or let the program arrange the images by selecting **Make an AutoMovie**.

## NOTES



*If you click on All Programs, a list of all software programs on your computer will appear. Windows Movie Maker is included as part of Windows XP operating system.*

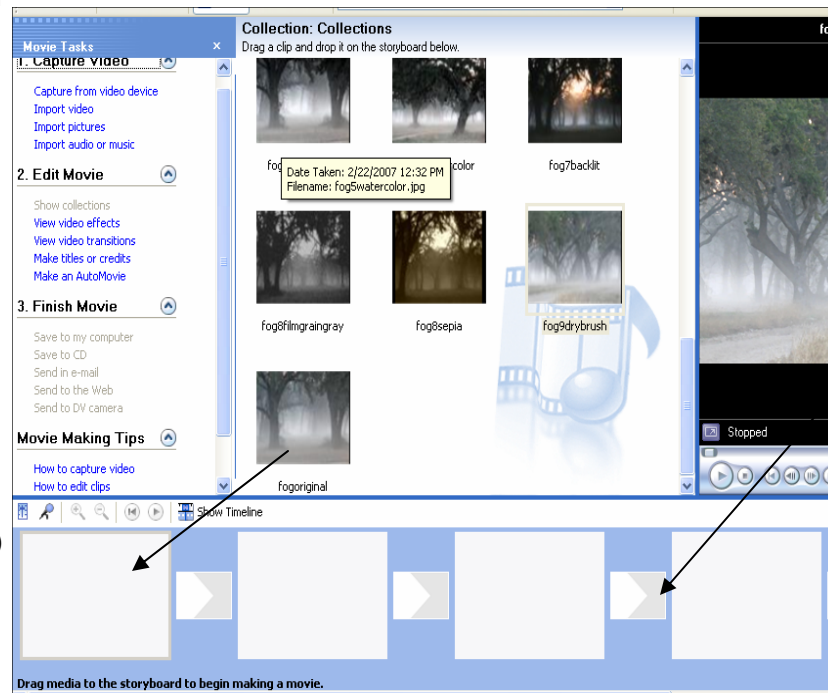
*The **Movie Making Tips** menu provides detailed directions for each task in addition to the Help feature on the toolbar.*

## Edit Movie

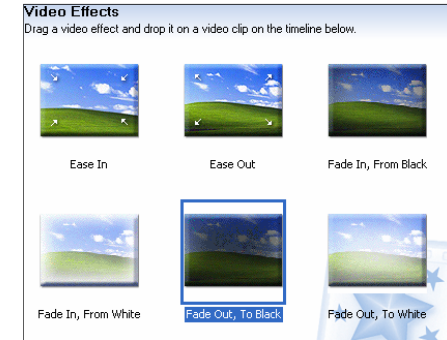
The next step is to **Edit** the movie by adding transitions between individual images and effects to the images. Effects change how the image appears in the movie while transitions allow images to flow from one to the next. Be consistent throughout the movie...do not use different transitions or effects for every image.

1. Click on **View Video Effects** and **View Video Transitions** to preview the movements.
2. Click and drag your **transition** selection to the small box between images.
3. To place an effect, click and drag the **effect** to the image in the Storyboard (small box on the left)
4. Create a **Title** slide at the beginning of the movie and a **Credits** slide at the end. Both slides have

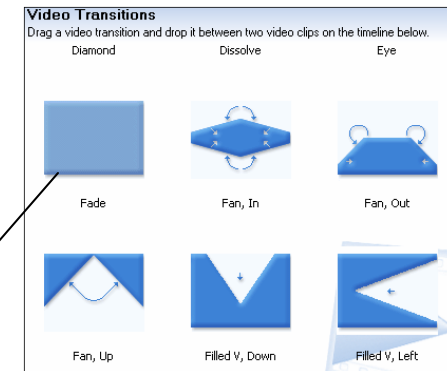
options for fonts, movements, and colors. Choose colors and fonts that coordinate with the images you have selected. All images, video clips, and music must be correctly documented (MLA style) on the credits slide with the name of the artist, the title of the work, the date created, the date of access and URL (if from the Internet) or the publisher, city, and year from a book or encyclopedia.



## NOTES



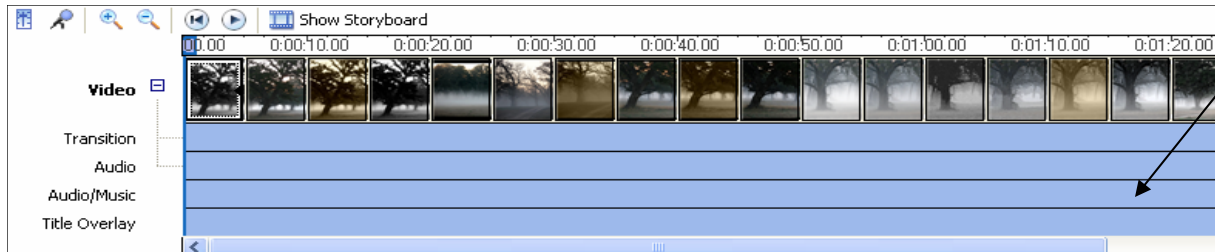
*Some of the most popular effects are Ease In, Ease Out, Fade In, Fade Out.*



*Some Transitions can be annoying . Choose one that will make the images flow smoothly rather than call attention to the change.*

## Edit Movie

5. Click on **Import Audio or Music** from the Movie Tasks list to add audio or music to the presentation. The file should already be in the project folder on the desktop.
6. Select the file, click **Import** and it will appear in the Collections area as a music note.



7. To add the music to the movie, click on **Show Timeline** instead of **Show Storyboard**, then click on the audio files and drag them to the timeline.

8. To vary the time an image is on the screen, click on the image and drag from the arrow to make it longer or shorter in order to match the narration or changes in the background music. You can also split video clips to take out blurry sections or to trim the length of the clip. Use the timeline clock on the top to guide your changes.



9. To change the volume of the music or narration, click on **Clip** from the Toolbar and select **Volume** and adjust accordingly or click on the shortcut icon next to the microphone symbol to balance audio and music tracks.

## NOTES



*It is important that all files connected to the movie project be saved first in the project folder on the desktop before inserting them in the presentation.*

*Save the project often during the editing process*



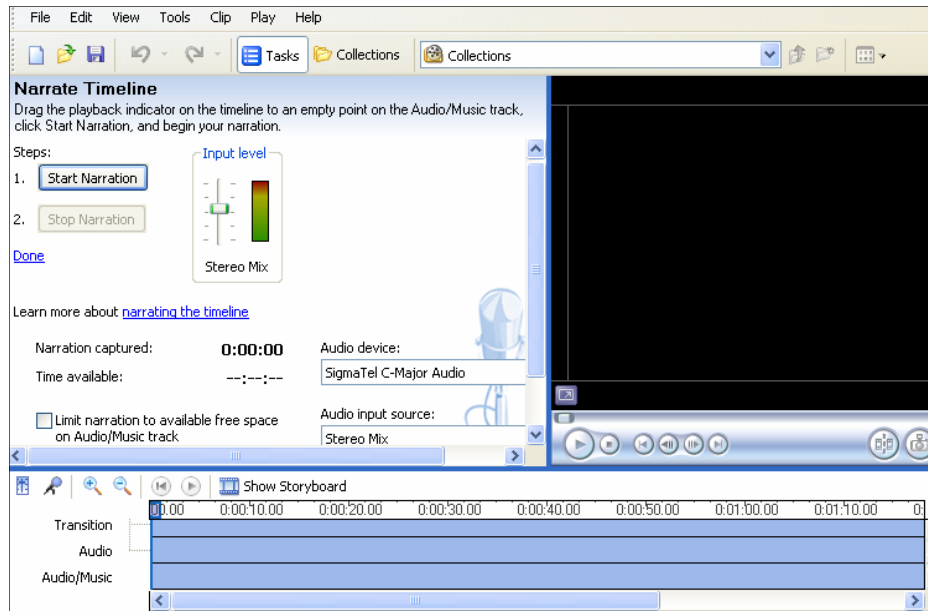
*Using the magnifying glasses icon to enlarge or reduce the view of the sound files makes it easier to edit the timeline.*

## Edit Movie

Adding narration enhances the presentation. It lets you describe in your own words and voice what is displayed on the screen.

Before you begin to narrate, write a script and practice it!

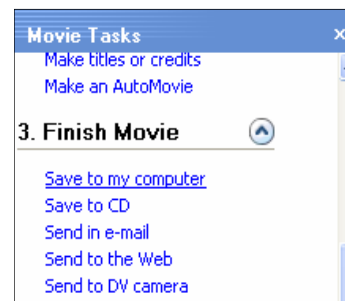
Also, make sure the playback indicator is in an empty space on the audio/music timeline before you begin.



11. Click on **Tools** from the toolbar.
12. Click on **Narrate Timeline** and follow the directions.

## Finish Movie

1. Click on **Save to my computer** or **Save to CD**
2. Enter a file name for your project, and browse for the location. The Save Movie Wizard will guide you through the steps.



## NOTES

*Use quality headphones and microphones for best results.*

*You may want to save your project on a flash drive or to a CD since movie maker files are quite large. It is also a good idea to save the presentation in more than one place and more than one format.*

*The final version should be a .wmv file so it can play easily in Windows Media Player.*