

Digital Storytelling with Photo Story 3



Getting Started:

- ☞ Drag photos, scanned drawings, KidPix or Paint drawings into one folder in your H:\ drive.
- ☞ Drag blank slides from the Title Slides folder in the share drive into your image folder to use as title and credit slides.
- ☞ Click *Begin a New Story*.

Window 1 - Import and sequence up to 300 pictures:

- ☞ Click *Import* and browse to your folder of pictures.
- ☞ Click in the right pane and Ctrl+A to select all of them.
- ☞ Remove Black Borders. (Accept All is not advised because you might cut heads off.)
- ☞ Edit (crop, rotate, auto fix – contrast, color, red eye) any images that need editing.
- ☞ *Save* and close the edit window.
- ☞ Drag and drop pictures to arrange them in the story.
- ☞ Next...

Window 2 – Add a title to your pictures

- ☞ Click on the first picture on which you want to add text and type in your text. Use alignment and placement tools to place text. Click the font button to change font, color, size, or style.
- ☞ Click on *Effect* to select a filter. Sepia is a nice effect for “antiquing” a shot.
- ☞ *Save*. The default is to My Videos. Instead, choose a folder on your H:\ drive.
- ☞ Next...

Window 3 - Narrate your pictures and customize motion

- ☞ Click the *Preview* button to see what you have so far.
- ☞ Click *Customize Motion*. Resize and reposition the path box for the zoom or pan effect you want.
- ☞ Click the *transition tab* to customize your transitions. Save and Close that window.
- ☞ Preview again to see what you have now.
- ☞ Add narration on slides of your choosing. Test and configure your microphone with the microphone button, then use the red dot to start recording.
- ☞ Next...

Window 4 – Add background music

- ☞ If you *select music*, a bar across the top of the pictures will show the length of the music. If you have more pictures than music, you can move to other pictures and add more music if you choose.
- ☞ If you *create music*, it will start and end with your story. Choose *Low Intensity* if you have narration over the music.
- ☞ *Preview* to be sure your show is just like you want it. You can use the back arrows to return to any part of the story and make changes.
- ☞ Next...

Window 5 – Save your story ((This creates a movie file (.wmv) that will play back in Media Player.)

- ☞ Choose an option (probably the first one).
- ☞ Name the file. Make sure you specify a location for the file because it will automatically default to My Videos, which is not in the same location as your .wp3 (project) file. Next – View your story.

Final Note – Once the movie is made, to make changes, open the project file, make your changes, and save your story again to replace the first one.