iMovie HD

iMovie HD is an application that is used to create movies using digital video, photos, and audio. Use this planning guide to get started.

If you are using digital video start on step 1, if you are only using still images and audio, skip to step 3.

☐ Step 1: Write a Script

All good directors always start with a script. What is the primary purpose of your video? Write out a script that covers all of the information your teacher has requested.

☐ Step 2: “Lights, Camera, Action!”

You are ready to record. Grab your digital video camera and begin.

☐ Step 3: Open iMovie/Begin Project

1. Open iMovie HD (on your Dock or HD>Applications>iMovie HD)
2. Select “Create a New Project”
3. Name your new project
4. Select Create
5. The iMovie interface will appear (see explanations on next page)
Making an iMovie: The iMovie Interface
Understanding the main interface of iMovie will make creating movies easier.

- **iMovie Monitor**
  - This is where you can preview your video & clips

- **Clip Shelf**
  - The shelf is where your video clips are imported (also called the “clips pane”)

- **Player Controls (in order)**
  - Rewind, Play, Play in Full Screen

- **Volume Slider**
  - Use the volume slider to control the volume of your movie

- **Panes**
  - Use these panes to select different iMovie features
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Step 4: Import Video
1. **Connect** your video camera to your iBook (using a fire wire or USB cable)
2. Turn your video camera on
3. Switch the video camera to VTR Mode (could be play or VCR on some cameras)
4. Switch the iMovie interface to **camera mode**

5. **Review** your footage using the player controls

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Rewind   Stop   Play   Pause   Fast Forward
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6. Click **Import**
7. iMovie will create a clip for each scene you recorded (it creates a clip for each time you start and stop taping). The clips will be placed on the **clip shelf**.
8. Click the import button or hit the space bar when you are finished importing your clips

Step 5: Arrange Your Clips
1. Click the **clip viewer** button to display the liquid timeline
2. Drag your video clips from the **clip shelf** to the **clip viewer** (as many as you want in your video)
3. **Organize your clips** by clicking and dragging them to the location you want them to be in (as you drag your clips the liquid timeline will open a space for you to put your clip)
4. Release where you want your clip
5. **Save** your project

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Make sure you save periodically!
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TIPS

• The Clip Viewer is the only place where you can rearrange clips
• The Timeline Viewer is used for editing clips
• You can add clips at any time
• The lower right hand corner of iMovie’s interface has a free space indicator. This tells you how much space you have left on your hard disk. The indicator changes from green to red as the space is filled.
• You can import Quick Time movies from your HD. Drag the QuickTime file to your clip shelf.

Step 4: Add Photos (you can use clip art and other images as well-you have to import them into iPhoto before you start this step).

1. Select the Media button
2. Select Photos
3. Select a photo by clicking on it
4. When you select a photo the photo settings window will appear
5. Click and drag the photos you want to use to the liquid timeline
6. Adjust the settings of your image as you wish
Step 5: Add Text
1. Click the Editing button
2. Click Titles
3. Select a title from the list
4. Type a title
5. Choose a font (family, typeface, and size)
6. Select the clip you want to add the title to
7. Click Add

- Select over black if you want the title to appear over black
- Uncheck if you do not want your title to appear over black
Step 6: Add Transitions
1. Select editing
2. Select transitions
3. Select a transition style by highlighting it
4. Select the clip you want to add the transition to by clicking on it
5. Select a speed
6. Click add
Step 7: Add Audio
1. Select Media
2. Select Audio
3. Choose your audio source (iTunes Library, Garage Band, iMovie Sound Effects)
4. Drag the play head to the area you want your audio to go
5. Select Place at Play head or click and drag the audio to the liquid timeline
6. Your music selection will now appear on the liquid timeline

Step 8: Save your Project
1. Go to File>Save Project

Step 9: Share your Project
1. Go to iMovie>Share
2. You can now send your project to Email, QuickTime, iDVD, iWeb, GarageBand, Bluetooth, iPod, and/or a video camera
Additional Resources

Apple Online Tutorial
This tutorial breaks each topic into segments and gives you a great visual guide.
http://www.apple.com/ilife/tutorials/imovie/

Apple iLife Support
http://www.apple.com/support/imovie/

iMovie Hot Tips
http://www.apple.com/support/imovie/hottips/

iMovie Shortcuts
http://www.apple.com/support/imovie/shortcuts/