Animoto for Teachers & Students

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www.animoto.com

Animoto is an online service that allows users to upload their own pictures or video clips, select music, and then automatically render professional quality video segments with elaborate transitions and special effects. Movies can then be shared online via email, or embedded into other websites and services. The free account allows for 30 second videos, while other plans allow for longer videos and a larger variety of themes to choose from.

It's easy to get started if you're new to animoto.
Click either the "Sign Up" link at the top or simply Get Started with your first video project.
Use your mail.fcps.org email account to open an account, then visit www.animoto.com/education to apply for a free educator's upgrade.

There are three simple steps to creating a video:
1. Add pictures and video from either your computer or an online site, like flickr
2. Select music from the Animoto library
3. Finalize, then share your video
Choose a Style for your video

Step 1: Pick a Theme
You'll first be asked to choose a style for your video. You can choose from several styles.

Some styles will be marked "PRO" and will not be available for your video.
Step 2: Upload

Use the upload feature to select files from your computer to upload.

Most picture formats work, but .asf video files from Discovery Education do not.

Instead, upload movies as either .wmv or QuickTime format.
Step 1: (Continued)

Video segments work best when they are 5 seconds are less because of the quick paced editing and effects in the Animoto themes.

After you've uploaded a video, use the "Pick a highlight" tool to select the 5 sec. section of footage you'd like featured in your finished movie.

If there is more than one segment from a particular video, duplicate that movie and then find a different section to highlight in the copied version.
Spotlight Tool extends the time the picture is shown

Rotate Tool Rotates pictures

Duplicate - duplicates the picture

Shuffle randomly arranges pictures

Delete Picture / Text
Step 3 Add Text

Text captions help the viewer understand what they are seeing.

Click a picture and then click ADD TEXT.

Type the Headline in the top box. Type the sub heading in the second box.
Step 4 - Music

Animoto will pick a music track for your video, but you'll probably want to pick your own music from one of the many categories.

You can even upload your own music (be aware of copyright).
Advanced Settings

Edit the title of your video, the Producer's name, and the description of the video.

You can select a picture to represent your video by clicking the arrows to the left and right of the "Thumbnail" setting.
Step 3: Finalize
Once you are done editing it's easy to customize the speed and style of your video. Although you may have chosen your video's style at the beginning of the project, you do have the option to change before clicking the continue button.
Success!
After a few minutes your video will be complete and Animoto will present you with a preview in its own website. At the bottom of the screen are tools that will allow you to either share the site by its web address, or get an embed code in order to past it into your own website. Downloading is also available with certain plans and or High Definition upgrade credits.

If you plan to distribute your movie on DVD you'll need to purchase an HD upgrade to insure a good quality movie file to use.
Embedding an Animoto Video into a FCPS Website

Step 1:
Click the "embed" button on the page of your finished Animoto movie

Step 2:
Copy the code

Step 3:
Log on to your fcps teacher or school web page

Step 4:
Create either a new page or blog entry

Step 5: Choose "Disable rich text" feature from below the edit window
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Alaska Movie made with Animoto

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<p>Create your own <a href="http://animoto.com">video slideshow</a> at animoto.com.</p>

Step 6:
Paste the embed code into the body of the page, then save.
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Step 7: Share your site with your learning community so they can enjoy your student or teacher made animoto video.

Create your own video slideshow at animoto.com.
For more help using Animoto, check out:

http://help.animoto.com/home

Welcome to the Animoto Helpdesk

Animoto provides several ways for you to find answers to your questions about our company, our product and our services. You can also request technical support while using Animoto.

If you have a Feature Request...
If you have any ideas or feature requests, we would love to hear them. You can post them over at our feature ideas forum.

If you require Support...
1. Check out our Help Resources
   We have a wealth of frequently asked questions and knowledge base articles available to help you instantly find the answers to your most common questions. Please check these first.
2. Ask the community
   Our moderated community help forums are the ideal place to ask any Animoto-related question, no matter how simple or complex. Experts are here on hand to help you.