

## Creation and Application of Digital Storytelling for All Grade Levels

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### Introduction

During this session, you will discover how to use digital storytelling in an academic setting for pre-service teachers. This project was designed for freshmen elementary and secondary education majors enrolled in Introduction to American Education. This project could easily be utilized in K-Higher Education settings. Some questions and aspects we will address during the presentation are:

- What is Digital Storytelling?
- Why use Digital Storytelling?
- The storytelling process
- Technology tools we use
- Examples of student work

This project helped individual students to further develop their technology skills in creating an instructional movie. The subject of the movie was the student's choice, but a topic to expand on during their sophomore year was strongly encouraged. Each project was to include a minimum of: title slide, 1 still picture, 1 movie clip, music, 1 on-video or on-slide caption, 1 transition, and 1 video effect.

Our focus of the assignment was: *How can students get hooked on learning?*

Through the use of digital storytelling . . . learning can come alive for even non-readers; develop students' higher order skills and creativity; span different content areas; blend writing, technology and emotion to create a meaningful learning experience; and empower learners with diverse backgrounds, characteristics and abilities.

With the use of free or low cost technology tools, a teacher or student need only be limited by his or her imagination.

You will have access to the materials, tools, tutorials and resources to create your digital storytelling project, in addition to having concrete examples via our web pages:

[http://www.franklincollege.edu/pwp/vmast/Digital\\_Storytelling/Digital\\_Storytelling.html](http://www.franklincollege.edu/pwp/vmast/Digital_Storytelling/Digital_Storytelling.html)