

# Digital Storytelling - Media Arts 1

A digital story is a video that combines photographs, video, music, and sound effects into a personal reflection on a subject. They are shared from the perspective of the creator about experiences lived. Often they feel as if the author is aware of a new insight being shared in the story. They can be straight-forward or experimental, the digital story puts self-expression and self-awareness over concerns of publication and audience.

Students will learn story structure/development, exercise creative writing in developing voice over, and learn non-linear editing while combining imagery, voice-over, and music. In-class time will be split between lectures and independent work time. Students will complete three videos over the course of the class.

Class structure:

- Online
  - Lecture 30-60 min
  - Independent Work Time 30-60 min
  - All students will stay signed into the digital classroom while working independently in case they have questions or need assistance.

**Course Time Frame:** 18-22 weeks (1 Trimester)  
60 minutes in-class/week  
~30 minutes homework/week

**Credit:** Applied Arts or Elective

**Google Classroom:** kejm6ec

## Course FAQs

1. What are my technology needs?  
You will log in to Google Classroom and utilize this platform for work submission. You will also need to be proficient in the use of Google Drive, including, GoogleSlides, and GoogleDocs. Other programs we will use include Snapseed.

Students are requested to use their own phones/tablets.  
Some equipment will be provided by WCS.

2. *What are the prerequisites I need in order to take this class?*  
None.
3. *Why should I take this course/What are the benefits?*

- a. Create a video utilizing existing, found and new media
- b. Experiment with story and structure
- c. Learn non-linear video editing in WeVideo
- d. Exercise creative writing in developing engaging voice-over
- e. Explore the insights of your experiences

4. *How do you grade my work in this class?*

Wahtonka Community School uses a proficiency-based grading system. Your grade is based upon rubrics with specific standards and requirements. In order to gain credit for this class, you must meet these standards at the proficient or mastery level.

Course grades are usually broken down as follows:

*Mastery*

Letter = A+, A, A-

GPA = 4.0, 3.75, 3.5

Credit = 0.33

*Proficient*

Letter = B+, B, B-

GPA = 3.25, 3.0, 2.75

Credit = 0.33

*Developing*

Letter = C+, C, C-

GPA = 2.5, 2.0, 1.75

Credit = 0.15 - 0.05

*Basic/Emergent*

Letter = D, F

GPA = 1.5, 0

Credit = 0