Welcome to Digital Storytelling Part I!

Digital Storytelling is a form of expression combining elements of digital media from images to sound to captions or whatever the creator thinks to include. Think of it as a movie trailer. Today we will not only learn about how to make a digital story, we will test some free digital tools or apps available that you can use to help tell your story, but first, let us discuss a few steps involved in constructing our story.

Some of us may already have an idea for a story – a milestone birthday photo slideshow, upcoming anniversary, or maybe you read a fantastic book and you would like to write a book review but package it in the form of a book trailer.

Steps to organize your idea:

1. If you do not already have an idea, think of one.
2. Summarize your idea – write a few paragraphs about what you want to convey in your project, define the **people**, **places** and **messages** in your story. Write your story as if you were telling it to a friend.
3. Create a storyboard to make a plan, organize images or graphics you want to include (use the reverse side of this handout for your storyboard).
4. Digital Tools – here a just a few digital tools or apps you can use in the creation of your digital story.
   - **ABCya** – Word Cloud generator. Suggestion - use as a title or end slide [http://www.abcya.com/word_clouds.htm](http://www.abcya.com/word_clouds.htm) - Firefox or Chrome browsers
   - **Cool Text** – if you like to play with words and you want to render your own titles rather than use the built in credits tools in Animoto or Windows Movie Maker [https://cooltext.com/](https://cooltext.com/)
   - **Face Your Manga** – if you want to create a cartoon avitar of a character in your story [https://www.faceyourmanga.com/](https://www.faceyourmanga.com/) Use with Chrome
   - **Animoto** - [https://animoto.com/](https://animoto.com/) you can use Animoto as an alternative to Windows Movie Maker
   - Do you know of any digital tools that you can recommend?

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