



Making a Movie in iMovie

- 1) Open iMovie
- 2) Go to File>New Project
- 3) Click on 'No Theme'
- 4) Go to Name: Type in a Project Name (my vacation, Colorado Trip, etc)
- 5) Go to Aspect Ratio: Click on blue arrows. Choose Standard Setting.
- 6) Go to the bottom of that screen and click 'Create'.
- 7) When you get to the new project iMovie screen, you will see 5 gray icons in the middle on the right hand side. Look at these.
 1. Music notes: for adding music and sound effects to your movie
 2. Camera: for getting photos
 3. T: for adding Titles and Text
 4. Envelope: for adding transitions
 5. Globe: for adding map picture
- We will be using all of these icons today.
- 8) First click on the second icon, the Camera. Below you should see some pictures come up. Choose a picture and click on it. Drag it up to the first box in the top left hand screen.
- 9) Choose another picture. Drag it up beside the first picture.
- 10) Choose 3 more pictures and put them in the order you want them in your movie.
- 11) Click on the T icon. You are going to add a title to your movie. Choose the first box you see with the word 'Centered' underneath it. Click on this box. Drag this box ON TOP of the first picture you chose.
- 12) A box will show up on the top right hand side showing a text box over the picture. Type in the title of your movie. Click the blue Done button.
- 13) Go to the text box choices on the bottom right side of your screen. Choose another text box you would like to use. Click on this box and drag it BEHIND the last picture in your movie. When you drop it in the movie, it will give you background choices for your text. Click on a background for your text and type something like "We had so much fun", "Can't wait to go back", Wish you were here with us", etc. Click the blue Done button.
- 14) Next, click on the Envelope icon. You are going to choose 2 transitions to add to your movie. Choose a transition by clicking on the box. Drag your first transition between your 2nd and 3rd picture. Choose a second transition. Drag and drop this transition between your 4th and 5th picture.
- 15) Now, click on the Globe icon. Choose a map that shows North America and/or the United States. Drag and drop it behind your first picture.
- 16) When you drop it into your movie, a drop down screen will appear. Go to the 'Start Location' bar. Click on it and type in "McKinney, Texas". It will give you a choice as you type, so choose McKinney, TX when it appears in your choices list. Click the OK button.
- 17) Then go to the 'End Location' bar. Click on it and type in your ending location. Click the OK button.

- 18) Click the 'Done' button.
- 19) Now we're really going to have some fun!!!! Go over to the middle left side of the iMovie screen and you will see a picture of a video camera. Click the Video camera. Yes, you should see yourself now.
- 20) You are going to do a short video of yourself talking about your trip. It could be something like this "This summer I went to the Colorado Mountains. I want to share some of the amazing things I saw." Or you could say "My friend sent me these great pictures from _____, and she/he had a great time, take a look!". Make it short and sweet. TIP: LOOK AT THE CAMERA AT THE TOP OF YOUR SCREEN (black circle at the top of your computer). YOU WILL BE TEMPTED TO LOOK AT YOURSELF WHILE YOU ARE RECORDING, AND IT WILL LOOK LIKE YOU ARE LOOKING DOWN IN YOUR VIDEO. Not so good!!
- 21) To video yourself, click on the Gray Capture Button. It will not start recording until you click on the Blue Capture button. (Do not worry about putting a title on your video right now). Click the Blue Capture Button when you are ready to start recording. Click the Stop Button when you want to Stop the recording. REMEMBER TO LOOK UP AT THE CAMERA ☺
- 22) Please, no more than 1 retake due to time!!!!
- 23) Click on the Done Button. This will automatically send your video to the bottom center on your iMovie screen. Click on your video clip. Right click on your video clip and choose 'Select entire clip'. When you do this, there should be a yellow frame around your clip. Click on your clip again and drag it behind the globe/map frame in your video.
- 24) Awesome job everyone!!! We are almost done. Now we need to add music.
- 25) Go back over to the icon choices. Click on the Music icon.
- 26) You will have choices listed in the top part of your screen. Scroll up to iLife Sound Effects. Click on this folder.
- 27) Go to the Bottom part of your screen and scroll to Acoustic Sunrise.caf. Click on this. Drag this up to the top left hand screen where you have been creating your movie. Behind all of your pictures and clips, you should see a dark green background come up. When this happens, unclick. Note: if you see a green bar under your pictures and clips, that is Ok, but you will have to adjust the bar to go through your whole video by dragging the bar so it starts from the beginning to end. (If you are only using 1 song, it is easier not to use the bar.)
- 28) You're almost there. One more thing. Click on the video clip you put in the movie. You will see a little blue box with a gear. Click on the gear. Choose audio adjustments. At the top you will see Volume. Drag the circle to 100% volume. This is the volume of your voices on the video. Under that you will see something called 'Ducking'. This is the music "ducking" behind your voice in the clip. Click in the box, and make sure the sound is not more than 25%. Click the blue Done button at the bottom.
- 29) YEA!! You did it. Now you are going to view your video. Click on the play arrow with the black background. This is right below the box where you have been creating your video, middle of the screen on the left hand side.
- 30) ENJOY!!!! YOU ROCK!!!