

Telling the Whole Story With Photo Story

Photo Story is a program that will create an interesting presentation, much like a PowerPoint Presentation, but it is very easy to use. It creates music and slide transitions easily and quickly (automatically, all by itself), and all you need to do is polish the presentation as much or as little as you like. Because it is so easy to use, very young students can successfully create impressive presentations. The presentations are in wave format, and can be easily e-mailed to friends and parents. This is a great program to become familiar with. Give it a try! You may find numerous ways to use it in your teaching. You will probably like it!

1. Click on the **Start** button in the bottom left corner of your computer.
2. Move your mouse to **All Programs** and wait for the list of programs to pop up. In the list, move to **Photo Story 3 for Windows**, and click on it.
3. The default method to start the program is **Begin a new Story**. There is a green selection dot in front of it, so simply click **Next**.

You will need to know where to find pictures about your topic. If you have pictures saved on your computer in the My Pictures folder, you are ready to begin. You can navigate to any pictures you have saved on your computer that you wish to include. If you do not have pictures saved, it will be necessary to first save pictures in this folder. To do this, locate pictures on the internet or from other sources and copy and paste them to the **My Pictures** folder.

4. Now you are ready to add pictures to the program. Click on **Import Pictures**. The **File Browser** screen will pop up with the default location being the **My Pictures** folder in your **My Documents** folder.
5. Hold down the **Ctrl** key on your keyboard, and while holding it down, click on all the pictures you wish to include in your presentation. They will have a blue box drawn around them as you click on them. If you wish to remove a picture from the list, just click on it again while still holding the **Ctrl** key.
6. When you have selected all the pictures you wish to use, click **OK**. The pictures will be entered in the bar of included pictures. If you wish to add more pictures, simply repeat steps 4 and 5 again.
7. Click **Next** to go to the add a title screen.
8. You can add text to any of the pictures you include by first clicking on the mini picture in the picture bar, and then entering the text in the text box to the right of the picture preview box. As you enter text, you will see what it will look like on the slide. Use the row of buttons above the text box to change the text position to the right, center, or left, and to

the top, center, or bottom of the picture. Use the first button to change the selected font.

9. Repeat step 8 for any slide you wish to include writing on.
10. Click **Next** to move to the narration screen. We do not have good microphones at school, so I would suggest not adding narration. However, if you wish to add narration, click on the slide that needs a narrative, and click the red dot button to record the sound. Do this for any slide for which you wish to include a narrative.
11. Click **Next** to go to the background music slide.
12. Click **Create Music** to have the computer generate music to go with your slides. This is the easiest way to do this, but you could also click **Select Music**, and pick a music file that you might have on your computer.
13. On the **Create Music** screen, click on the **Genre** drop down to make your selection.
14. Click on the **Style** drop down to select the music style you wish.
15. Click on your choice of Bands in the **bands** box.
16. Click on your desired mood in the **Mood** box.
17. Vary the **Tempo** and the **Intensity** as you wish.
18. Click **Play** to preview your music.
19. You may change the music by making any changes you wish to the items in steps 13-18.
20. Click **OK** to move to the final step.
21. Click **Next** to go to the save your story screen.
22. If the default file location is okay, (and it should be just fine the way it comes up), click **Next** to create the show.
23. After a patient wait, you are given the option to see the show you created. Click on **View your story**.
24. Your story will play in a boxed window. To make the show full screen, start it playing, and click on the button in the bar right above the picture that has an arrow pointing to the top right. Click this button after you start the show. Move the cursor off the picture to the center of the side, and the show will be full screen.
25. Close the show to return to the photo story screen by pressing the red **X** in the top right

corner.

26. Click **Save Project** to go to the save screen.
27. Give your show a name in the file name box.
28. Click **Save**.
29. Click **Exit**.
30. Locate your show by going to **my documents. (Start, My Documents.)** Double click on the black icon that has the title you gave your show. The icon with the same name, and the colored circle around an arrow will let you re-enter the creation program and make additional changes. It only needs to be used if you wish to make future changes to the show.

Once the show is created, it can easily be E-Mailed to others, or burned to a dick for storage. It is safe to leave it where it is too. Enjoy the program. It is a great tool!