

## Developing your Digital Storytelling

What is digital storytelling?

Digital stories are personal narratives told through New Media. They are written, shot, edited and directed by the storytellers themselves. Digital storytellers create their own personal stories, or facilitate the telling of others' stories.

What is New Media?

- A. Anything that can be scanned, photographed, or filmed onto digital medium.
- B. Archival and other found materials, favorite possessions, and pieces of video.

How long are they?

- A. Digital stories are typically two to three minutes long.
- B. Scripts are about 250 words in length (one and a half double spaced typewritten pages or the back and front of a handwritten 4x6 index card).

How do I write my script?

- A. Tell your story
- B. What works is *truth*
- C. Your instructor will provide you with the topic or allow you to choose a topic
- D. A good story follows the shortest path to the *destination*
- E. Destination – the punch line, the pay off, the point of the story
- F. Every word counts; no detours should be included without good reason. Use specific details and dialogue.

7 Elements for developing your Digital Storytelling script

1. Point of View:
2. Dramatic Question:
3. Emotional Content:
4. Your Voice:
5. Soundtrack:
6. Economy:
7. Pacing: