1. **Create a Folder in your CSN Drive** (or your flashdrive, etc.). Title it SampleMovie\_Name

(If you do not know how to create a folder, please ask)

1. For today’s exercise, **choose a quick theme** for your video: yourself, cute cats, chickens, feminists, graduation , etc. Quickly find 10 images that connect to your theme from Google Images. (You must open the image, right click, save as . . . into your folder. Just name the photos 1-10.

Quickly find 1 or 2 video clips from Youtube, Vimeo, etc. that connect to your theme. **To save youtube clips** into your folder

Open the video

Pause the video

Place your cursor in the url

Type the letters “ss” before the domain, such as youtube. For example, [www.ssyoutube](http://www.ssyoutube) . . .

Hit Enter

Give it a few moments, and the video will pop up in Savefromthenet. You DO NOT need to download any software! Click on the size and type of clip you want. For today, click on the lowest resolution mpg. (The higher the resolution, the better the video quality, but the more memory and the longer to download, etc.)

Save the clips in your folder as video 1 & video 2.

**THIS WILL NOT ALWAYS WORK – SOME VIDEOS ARE PROTECTED FROM DOWNLOAD!! WHEN YOU’RE IN THE PROCESS, DO NOT CLICK ANY LINKS THAT TELL YOU TO DOWNLOAD SOFTWARE. NO SOFTWARE NEEDED!!!!! If you can’t get any videos at this point, let it go. Instead, you might just want to video yourself using the Webcam on your computer ☺**

1. Search programs for Movie Maker. **Open Movie Maker**

Click File

**Click Save Project As**

Click the folder you created

Click Save

CONTINUE TO SAVE AS YOU WORK!! Movie Maker can be glitchy and freezes up often. When this happens, you will lose everything you have not saved!

1. **Import Images and Insert Videos**

Click on “Add Videos and Photos”

Highlight the pictures in your folder, click, drag to the left and up to highlight all, let go and click Import.

Make sure the screen is in Storyboard view. If it is not, click on “Show Storyboard” in the middle of the screen. In storyboard view, you should see a series of boxes forwards the bottom of the screen.

Click and drag pictures into the large boxes in the desired order. If you decide you don’t want a picture, right click and delete it.

Repeat the same process for your video or videos.

(You can skip most of the following steps by choosing an Auto Movie Theme, but then you won’t learn how anything works.)

1. **Adding Effects**

Under Edit Movie, click “View Video Effects”

Browse through video effects clip; double click to view the effect.

Choose an effect and add at least one effect to one picture. (Be sure you click on the image you want to have the effect.)

1. **Editing Video**

To edit video (cut out, slow down, speed up – very useful for stop animation or draw my life), add background color, etc, click on Video Tools. You can trim by setting a Start point and an End Point and then click on Trim. (Remember the Undo button ☺ ) You can also choose to fade in or out on video and if you’re using a song over the entire video, and you want to lower the volume on the video, you can.

1. **Adding Transitions**

Under Edit Movie click Animations

Browse through video transitions; hover to view transitions – you can click “apply to all” or set individual transitions.

Check out “Pan and Zoom” for more transition effects. Just hold the mouse over the effect.

(At any time, you can hit the play button to see how your video is progressing. Remember to keep saving your work!)

1. **Adding Titles**

Under “Home” click “Title”

This will place a box at the beginning of your movie in which you can type a title. You will see the options to change text font, color, centering. See Effects as well.

You can add titles where desired throughout the movie.

Clicking on Credits allows you to create credits for the end of the movie. You must cite any sources, particularly borrowed videos, images (not for today – no time), and music!

1. **Adding Music** (you need an accessible music library, such as ITunes for this).

Click on Add Music – either use Vimeo, the free music, or download something to your computer folder.

Navigate to where you want the music to begin.

If the music is too short, you can drag the music clip in again or add an additional music clip.

1. **Adding Narration** (you need a microphone – I do have these)

Plug microphone into microphone jack.

Be sure volume is turned up

Click on microphone icon and tap mic to test it

To record click “Record” and start recording.

Click stop narration when you are finished

Save audio in your folder.

Import audio clip into your project and drag into audio row.

Keep saving your project!!

This is a really rough, down, and dirty description – I’m hoping that you’ll see how intuitive MovieMaker is once you start playing around with it. The 2 most important buttons are Save and Undo (the backwards arrow). Even if you delete your entire video, you can hit Undo and get it back. I’ve done it plenty.

To avoid personal choices and additional work, you can skip most of the above steps and choose AutoMovie Themes.

\*You also might have the option of adding a WebCam video of yourself. If so, the button is on the home page.

1. The most important step! **Go from Project to Movie!!**

Click on The Save icon, “Save Movie” – recommended for this project is best. (Far left drop down or icon next to upload choices – far right) If you want a lower resolution video that you can show on your phone, choose one of those options. This is VIP. You can always go back and edit from the Project file. You need the Movie file to show the movie on any platform.

**I have one Kodak FlipCam that takes videos if anyone wants to borrow it. I also have 2 tripods if anyone needs to borrow a tripod (for doing draw my life, etc)**