Basic instructions for making a video

This is a basic overview of how to make a video for a class assignment. Your instructor may have specific instructions or requirements f or how the video is to be created. Be sure to review the assignment instructions to ensure you meet the course requirements.

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1. Prepare the content

- Create your storyboard. This will include:
    - Type of video (live action, screen capture, motion graphic or combination of types)
    - Topics to cover/scenes
    - Plan how it should look

- Create your script:
    - Introduce yourself, the course, and the assignment
    - Include the objectives and requirements for the video presentation, if appropriate
    - Demonstrate practice or mastery of your topic

- Create note or cue cards for the script.

- Practice the presentation using your script.

2. Create the video -- with a camera or on a computer

- Camera: Live action shoot with actors.
    - Select a quiet location
    - Orient the camera: landscape NOT portrait
    - Position the camera: subject matter should be entirely visible within frame
    - Make sure there is proper/sufficient lighting: no backlighting
    - Run a test
        - audio/sound -- make sure the audio is loud enough
        - video -- make sure image is clear (clean lens)
    - Record final version of the scenes and script

- Computer: Screen capture or motion graphics videos.
    - Create a presentation using software, then use screen recording software such as Panopto to video record your comments as you play the presentation.
    - Combine your voice with text, images and animations in:
        - PowerPoint
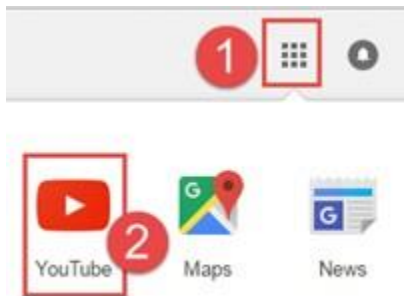   - Google Slides
        - Prezi

3. Edit the video

- Software choices
    - iMovie
    - Windows Movie Maker
    - YouTube
    - More advanced (and paid): Adobe Premiere, Final Cut Pro, Sony Vegas

3. Edit the video (continued)

- Hardware is available at UNLV.
  - Computer labs
  - Library

- For just in time help, check out: Linked-In Learning.
  - Lots of in-depth video tutorials
  - Free for UNLV students

- Remember to add titles and credits to your final video.
- Save the video file as .mp4

4. Upload your video to YouTube

- As a UNLV student, you may create a YouTube channel through your Rebelmail account.
  - Log in to Rebelmail
  - Click the apps icon (1) in the upper right of the screen
  - Chose YouTube (2) from the list of apps. If it is not immediately visible, click "More".

- Go to the YouTube Help page at https://support.google.com/youtube for up to date instructions.
  - Look for the YouTube instructions that are most appropriate for the device (phone, camera, webcam, tablet) you used to make your video.

- Upload your video to your account in YouTube.