Make a Movie Camp

Week of June 20 - 1PM to 4PM

Overview

The Tech Em Studios Make a Movie camp is a four day (twelve hour) camp that seeks to educate students on the process of movie making. In this camp, students will exercise the art of making a movie. Students start by creating their own idea for a movie. Using iMovie and Garageband, they will make their idea come to life by expanding their idea to a script and storyboard. Campers will have their movie come to life by acting out scenes, creating animations and special effects, filming and editing.

Outline

- Development: Defining goals, creating optional work groups, idea development, and script development.
- Pre-production: Creating a storyline, setting-up locations, and development and gathering of necessary items (equipment, props, costumes, etc.).
- Production: The process of filming.
- Post-Production: Editing, screening, and exporting the product to the distribution medium.
- Distribution: Setting up a premiere & evaluating the project.

Performance Objectives

Students will be able to-
- Create a final movie project individually or with a team.
- Learn and implement widely used movie-making processes such as, idea and script development, storyboarding, filming, editing, project exporting, premiere setup.
- Actively practice skills involved in critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration.

Materials:

iPads (iMovie & Garageband)
Whiteboard(s)
Dry erase markers
Storyboard Sheets -need to make these; something like:

to look something like this:

PROCEDURE:

Day 1

Main Ideas:
- Brainstorm to Idea
- Idea to Script (story)
- Script to Storyboard

Objectives:
- Understand the schedule and timeline
- Come up with at least three ideas for a movie
- Write basics of story and its dialogue (if any)
- Have a finished or almost finished storyboard

Icebreaker: Introduce students and instructors/interns; age, name, any experience with any movie making or garage band.

- Outline objectives for the camp

- Go over timeline/schedule to be referred to throughout the week
- Go over Make a Movie Camp slides
  - Go through until Storyboard slide

Brainstorm to idea:
- Come up with at least three movie ideas
  - Settle on one with help of instructors/interns

Idea to Script:
- Develop a script for the movie idea
- This helps to make the video make sense
- Like creating the story
- Keep in mind the general premises of a story: a protagonist saves the day from an antagonist or goes on a journey.

Script to Storyboard:
- Make the story come to life by drawing out scenes from the story
- Optional but helpful to have times specified for each scene

Day 2

Main Ideas:
- Storyboard to Film
- Day of filming

Objectives:
- Have a finished storyboard
- Have several filmed scenes

Script to Storyboard:
- Finish up storyboard scenes

Storyboard to Film:
- Bring movie idea, script and storyboard to life by filming scenes referencing storyboard
- Start gathering materials ((some from home?) think about material the day before?)
- Start filming each scene with iPads
  - Incorporate use of lighting and view angles

Day 3

Main Ideas:
- Film to Edit to more film and edit

Objectives:
- Have all scenes filmed
- Start on editing the film using iMovie
  - Work audio into scenes using Garageband

Film to Edit:
- Finish up filming last scenes
- Start work on transitioning
  - Fluidity of going from one scene to the next
- Work in audio and special effects
- Re film some scenes or add a couple more scenes

Day 4 (Final Day)

Main Ideas: Edit to Screening/Showing

Objectives:
- Have a finished edited film
- Have a showing for the movie project

Edit To Screening/Showing:
- Finish up final edits
- Get set up ready for showing
- Determine exporting options

Evaluation:

- Did the students meet your objectives?
- Did the lesson accommodate all of your learners?
- What were the strengths and weaknesses of the lessons?
- If you were to use this lesson again, what would you change?

iPad Numbers:

Emerson - #16
Lexi - #18
Kaysian - Own

Henly - Own
Sammy - #2
Lousia - Own
Scarlett - #12

Groups:

#1: Emerson [Comedy/Action]
#2: Henly, Kaysian, Sammy [Scary/Comedy]
#3: Scarlett, Lexi, Louisa [Horror Movie]