

iMovie Mini Lesson

Yay! It's that time again when we get into book trailers and working with iMovie!!! Here are some tips on how to make your presentation really stand out and look very polished.

Big things to focus on (or, big things on which to focus):

- ★ Ken Burns
- ★ Timing of your slide
- ★ Transitions
- ★ Blurriness of photos
- ★ Flow of your text
- ★ Music
- ★ Quality of sound
- ★ Colors
- ★ Mood you are sending

Here are some questions and things to think about when preparing your project.

- ★ Mention the main characters and what they do
- ★ Summarize the book, but don't give away too much detail
- ★ Don't give away the ending
- ★ Talk about the rising action and plot, but don't go too far into the falling action
- ★ What's a good quote from the book?
- ★ "What would you do if...?"
- ★ What emotion am I trying to show here?
- ★ Does this picture really justify the story?
- ★ What is the general theme of the book?
- ★ How do your characters respond to certain events?
- ★ How can I make this more interesting?
- ★ Do your characters have any rules they live by?

Music is key in book trailers. Having the right soundtrack can really make your audience feel like part of the story. Try to match the music with your transitions. If there's a huge rest in the song try putting a completely black screen to really emphasize the pause. Also focus on strong adjectives for your project because you want to describe the book as best you can.

Sound Quality This is the hardest part about book trailers. Having to record your music can make the sound fuzzy and not as good quality. Some things I've learned during the last few projects we did was to find a very quiet spot in the school. You don't want doors slamming and people shouting while you record. Also don't worry about blasting your music,

