

Assignment - What do you see? What do you hear?

I've provided a few different options for mini assignments in the above writing.

Also the biography video is an assignment. However this is a more involved assignment than it first appears. The below assignment scaffolds up to creating the biography piece.

Assignment - Biography

Watch the biography video.

1. What are all of the different pieces of the puzzle to create the final product?
2. How long is the biography video?
3. How many words is the narration? IE how many sentences and paragraphs?

1. Narration, still pictures (found pictures online and my own pictures), short video clips (stock video online and my own video), 1 title.
2. 1 minute and 6 seconds
3. About 150 words. 8-10 sentences

Steps:

- Writing out the narration. Shape exactly what you want the students to write. ie Name, (Peter Jordan) favorite food (pizza and ice cream), favorite things to do (tennis, snowboarding and yoga), favorite place you've been or want to go (Tahiti), pet or kind of pet you'd like (Stella), interesting fact (acted in commercials) and a bit about your family.
- Find the pictures online and store them in a folder.
- Find the videos online and store them in a sub folder.
- Bring in pictures from home, digitize them (they probably already are digital) and store in a sub folder
- Create title in editing program.
- Record narration in one take. It's best to not have students do too much editing unless the focus of the assignment is on audio editing. For this one, I'd suggest the focus to be on clear presentational reading skills.

So you can see when it's broken down there are quite a few steps to complete. It's easier to have students working in a scaffolded method like this on most video projects. It will help them and it will also help you as far as being able to judge how long it takes to complete whole projects and assignments.