# How to Get Started With Animoto:

Animoto is an easy-to-use web app that will allow you to create videos from your photos and Videos, or you can use theirs. Animoto can add music to the video and will email you a copy, or post it online in a number of ways. There are paid plans, but you can make 30-second videos for free. Here is how to get started.

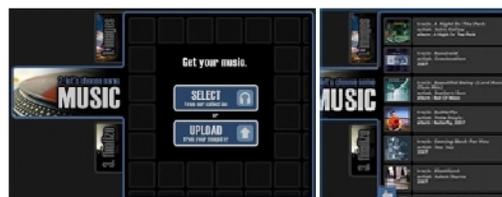| | |
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| Sign up for an account at the Animoto website. Give them your email, create a password and tell them who you are. They will also ask your birth date; you can't sign up without giving a date. | |
| Click the button to **create a new video**. |  |
| If you are just trying it out and want to first see how it works, check the Animoto Short button |  |
| Tell Animoto where to get your images. You can grab (Browse) them from your computer, or choose from their library of images. **Import your pictures**. |  |
| You can **reorder** the images during the image-selection process by **dragging and dropping** them to your desired position.<br><br>And look here, you can add text, too…Play and discover what you can do with these other tools too! |  |

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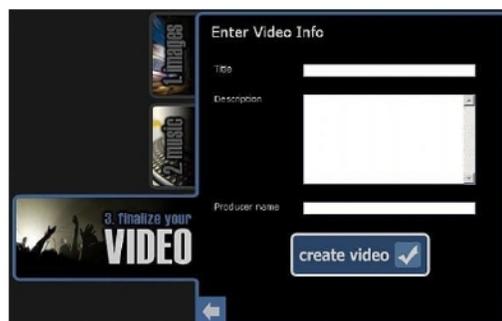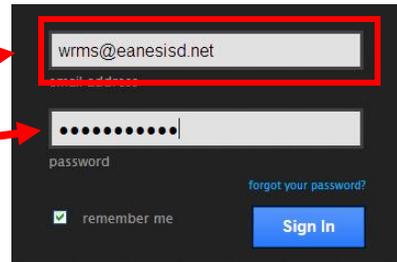| | |
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| **Add-ons:**<br><br>You can **add text**, too, **rotate your pictures**, **delete**, **duplicate**, or you can also **add video** segments of 5 seconds or less in an Animoto short. *(Longer segments of up to 10 seconds can be added in the educator edition, but that's something you'll have to sign up for and wait for their approval…today, we're just playing, but do plan ahead if you're serious about this cool tool)* **drag and drop** where you want to see your text and arrangements. | |
| Next you add music. You can use your own, create some go to any number of free sites, but remember to site your sources and give credit where it's due, or choose from the *animoto* music library. | |
| Once you have your music selected it is time to have Animoto actually create your video. You'll be taken through a series of screens to customize your video further as shown in the picture. Go through these screens and **select the options** that you wish to add. | |
| Once you have all of your options set, click on the "**create video**" button as shown in the picture.<br>Animoto will analyze your photos, set it to music and add it to your account's video library. Once added you can post it to YouTube, email it to friends and so on. Enjoy! | |
| If you'd like to learn to embed your work into your source materials, contact me and I'll show you a few more tricks! Enjoy | |

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| **When using the West Ridge** *animoto Pro* **account,** <br><br> Sign in using <br><br> wildcats042 | wrms@eanesisd.net <br> email address <br> ●●●●●●●●●●● <br> password <br> forgot your password? <br> ☑ remember me     **Sign In** |
| Do not edit the profile… | |
| Choose your style: | **Choose your video style** |
| Here is where you import your pics & vids, using your own, or from the animoto resource. You can even pull from other sites, like flickr, facebook, Picasa, and others | 1. let's get your **IMAGERY**    **Step 1: pics & vids** <br> Load up your video with images and video clips. You'll have a chance to add more later. <br> **upload** from your computer <br> **select** from our collection <br> **retrieve** from another site |
| Move your frames around, <br> Add Text, | |
| Various tools for accenting the production: | add more   add text   spotlight   rotate   duplicate   delete   shuffle   **done** |
| Add music (mp3) from your files or add from the *animoto* library… | **Step 2: Music** <br> Our library has tons of good music to explore, or you can upload your own MP3 if you have the rights to use it. <br> 2. let's choose some **MUSIC** <br> **select** from our collection <br> **upload** from your computer |

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| …that offers over 15 genres to choose from… | Indie Rock<br>Electronica<br>Hip Hop<br>Singer /<br>Songwriter<br>House<br>Latin |
| **Set your video pacing, …add your credits, and make your final changes;** | Step 3: Customize your video. |
| **then when you're ready, finalize your video** | Step 3: Customize your video |