

Activity: Vidcasts

Curriculum Connection: Grade Four Social Studies

Choose one of the videos above and write down all the way that it connects to what you have learned about Alberta. For instance, if you chose to watch about water you can talk about irrigation in the Alhambra and irrigation for farming. How are they similar and how are they different?

Process:

1. Choose images and/or create small vignettes to go with your dialog.
2. Create your storyboard,
 - a. Arrange the images and vignettes in the sequence that you will want them to show in your vidcast.
 - b. Once the images and vignettes are arranged sequentially, write down short phrases and explanation for each one.
3. Using your storyboard as your outline, write your script.
4. It is important to practice reading your script aloud so that you have the right accentuation, tone and clarity when you are being recorded.

This is an extensive project and will require time. It is recommended that the aim of the project is well planned out and organized before starting. However, it is more than worth it in the end when you see the growth in your students.

What is a vidcast?

A vidcast is more than a podcast in that it places a greater importance on the visual component. Therefore it is audio with corresponding images. For instance, you can have a series of powerful images and video clips representing the audio in the background.

What is a podcast?

Interactive123. (2013, August 20). *What is a podcast?* [Video file]. Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oerm5Q_9u2A

If your school uses MacBooks you will use GarageBand and iMovie, which already come on all Mac computers. If your school uses PC computers will need to download Audacity, which is easy to learn how to use.

GarageBand Tutorial Video:

Timmer, E. (2015, February 7). *GarageBand tutorial 2015 - How to record a podcast with GarageBand.* [Video file]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiNjUNNKvzE>

iMovie Tutorial Video:

Cox, D. A. (2015, May 17). *iMovie 2015 - full tutorial.* [Video file]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9LcLENceNE>