

Digital Storytelling

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Creativity

Improving language skills

Improving computer skills

Increase of personal / social competences

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General Information

- A very successful teaching project that was welcomed by students in all past courses
- Students work towards a nice result
- They extend their competences a lot
- Everyone can make it! – all results are great – each student is proud
- Applicable in all kinds of learning groups

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What exactly is Digital Storytelling?

- Working with your own biography and with digital media
- „Everybody has a nice, interesting or fascinating story to tell“
- A personal story from the past – an emotional story
- Experiences and feelings are told
- Story, memorabilia, photos and music unite to a short personal movie (1 – 3 min)

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How to create a movie?

- Introduction: Storycircle – a topic is provided, everyone tells his story (e.g. reading in my life)
- Find own topics (development of personality, family, school, job, spare time, friends, events, success stories, etc.)
- Exchange within group
- Choose a topic and arrange the story
- Storycircle – each student presents his/her story
- Write story upon a postcard
- Formulate story in MS Word

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How to create a movie?

- Search for images (photos, movies, memorabilia, objects – everything can be turned into an image!)
- Storyboard
- The story is recorded by a dictating machine
- With the help of a specialized movie software, e.g. Windows Live Movie Maker (easy to learn & free), one is able to convert the images and recordings to a movie

(Order and intensity of activities are modifiable – corresponding to course and audience)

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One example movie from my basic education course...

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Where can examples be found?

- www.digitalstory.at
- www.storycenter.org
- www.youtube.com/user/CenterOfTheStory

The project is internationally present

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Target audience

- Everybody!
- Individualizeable
- Applicable to all levels of language
- For students with different computer skills
- Suited for people of any age

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What do students learn?

- Improvement of language skills
 - all language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) are trained
 - Grammar is strengthend
 - Vocabulary is extended
- Improvement of computer skills
 - Working with MS Word, images, folders, and different image, movie and audio editing software

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What do students learn?

- Learn how to work with your own biography
- Stimulation of imagination, phantasy and self-reflection
- Strengthen self-confidence
- Courage to speak openly in front of group / recorder
- Improvement of social competences: e.g. listening and responding to each other, supporting each other

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Conclusions

- Authentic – the application of own images and recordings
- Individualized – each movie is different since it possesses its personal note
- Simple – possible with each computer and with free software, which is easy to learn
- Motivating – presenting a digital story at the end of the class