



To Begin a Photo Story Project

- 1. Use a single folder. Put all of the pictures and music files you want to use in your project into the same folder. You can use pictures you found on the Internet, pictures you took with a digital camera or pictures you scanned into digital format.
- 2. Create a storyboard for your project. This is a visual representation of what you want your project to look like and includes all of the narration. It is similar to an outline but in a visual format with picture names and narration included.
- 3. Create any titles or other original art work. If you want to include titles in your Photo Story you can create them in Power Point or you can scan a drawing into the computer or use an electronic drawing program. Save anything you create as a .jpg and put it in your shared folder.
- 4. **Open Photo Story.** Start → Programs → Microsoft Digital Image Suite 2006 → Photo Story 3.1. Select the option Begin a new story.
- 5. **Import and arrange your pictures**. Import all of your pictures including any you have created and arrange them in order using your story board as a guide. You can remove black borders here and even do basic photo editing.
- 6. Add a title to your pictures. You can add your title to a picture if you have chosen not to create your own titles. Click the button to save your project. Save it in the folder you created.
- 7. Narrate your pictures and customize the motion. Preview your photo story by clicking the preview button. If you click the customize motion button beneath any picture you will be able to select the start position and end position for the motion. To add narration select the first picture in your story then click the red button to begin recording. As you read from your script click on the appropriate pictures to continue the narration. Please make arrangements with your teacher as to when and where you can record your narration here at school. Save your project.
- 8. **Add background music.** You can add music that you have stored in your shared folder or create music of your own. If you choose to create music you can customize the mood, and type of music. Save your project.
- 9. **Save your story.** Select to save it in a format that can be played back on your computer and choose the folder you created as the destination. Your photo story will now be in two formats in your shared folder-the first is the photo story project which can only be opened in photo story and the other a format that can be opened in Windows Media Player.