

VIDEO

Video Postcard

Assignment

Activity Preparation and Assignment

With the advances in e-mail and the Internet, persons can send and receive video postcards and messages. In this project you will create a video postcard. You will decide on a place to visit, then using a video camcorder and editing software, make the place appear as if you were there. Using the background, create a video postcard to be e-mailed to your instructor. Create a *video postcard* project folder to hold all files created for the project. Follow the steps/directions below to develop your video postcard:

1. Choose a place to visit. Find an image, picture, or frame from a video clip of that place. Save/copy the image or video to your project folder.
2. Select a partner and have your partner video tape you for at least 5, but not more than 10 seconds in front of the solid background (blue or green). Pose appropriately, wave and say hi and/or something relevant. Record your partner doing the same.

NOTE: Be sure to wear colors other than blue or green.

3. Capture the video and/or image.
4. Import the image/video of your destination. Import the video of yourself (if necessary).
5. Drag the destination clip to Track-1. Drag the movie of yourself to Track-2.
6. Adjust the durations so that Track-1 and Track-2 are the same length.
7. Apply effect to remove green/blue background (chroma key/transparency) and adjust accordingly. Background from track-1 should start to appear.
8. Export your file as a MOV or MPG.
9. Key an appropriate e-mail to the instructor and attach your video postcard or submit it in appropriate media as indicated by instructor (burn to CD/DVD). Proofread and correct any errors in the e-mail before it is sent.
10. Submit a screen shot/print screen of project folder in Details view.

Resources

Web sites (and/or keywords to use for search):

<http://pd.l2l.org/linktuts/multint.htm>

Saving audio and video files

<http://www.library.georgetown.edu/dept/gelardin/guides/Premiere/>

Using Adobe Premiere

<http://hotwired.lycos.com/webmonkey/multimedia/video/index.html>

Site with various video tutorials based on equipment

<http://search.hotwired.com/webmonkey/default.asp?query=video>

Make a selection from this site on video and other multimedia tutorials

Key words: *digital video primer, video FAQ, chroma-keying*