Getting Started with Animoto

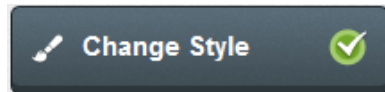Go to http://animoto.com/ and create an account:
Choose Sign Up (at top of screen)

Choose the (lite) (free) plan. Be sure to use your school email address. After you've setup your account,
go to http://animoto.com/education and apply for an educational upgrade. The free version only
allows you to create up to 30 second videos but the educational version allows you to create full-
length movies free-of-charge. You will also get a code that you can give your students so that they
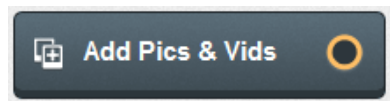can create videos through your account.
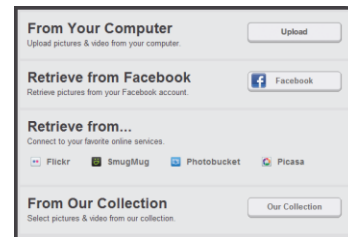
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Step 1:

Choose a video style and click Create. The ones marked with a **pro** in the corner are not
available with the educational account. You will have the option to change your choice later.
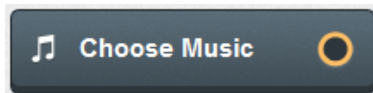
Step 2:

Add your pictures or short (<5 sec.) video clips. Generally you will **Upload** them from where
they are stored on your computer or you can **Select** from their collections.

After your pictures have been loaded, you have the options of
adding more, emphasize specific images (by spotlighting
them), rotating, duplicating, or deleting images. You can
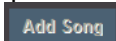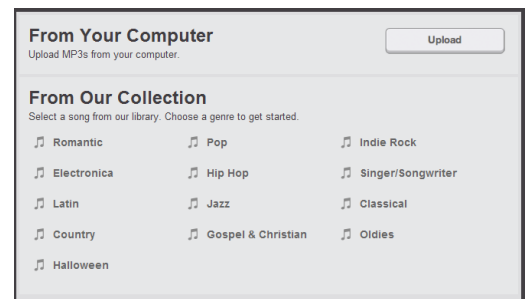also shuffle them into a random order.

Step 3:

Animoto has a wide range of music available for you to add to
your project without worry about copyright. You can
upload your own music, but selecting some of theirs is
much easier.

Choose one of the genres and you will see a list of music.
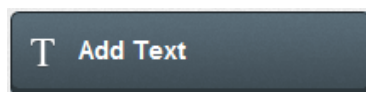

Preview by selecting a title and clicking the . Stop

the music by clicking the and then preview another.

When you've made your decision, click . When
choosing music be sure to listen to the entire song and pay attention to **lyrics** (instrumental music
is available.) Do not select music with **inappropriate names** for either the song or the musician
since both will appear on your video.

After the music is selected, you may choose to start it at a point other than the beginning or to change

your selection by clicking which appears beside the song title at the top of your screen.
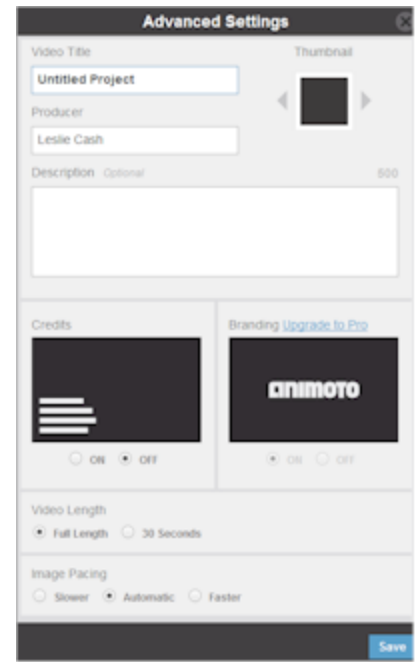
Step 4:

Text may be added. The words will appear between your pictures or video clips rather than on top of
them.

Step 5:

Advanced Settings

Select Advanced Settings (upper right corner) to give your video a **Title**
and add a description (optional.) You may choose to slow it down
(by choosing ½ speed) or speeding it up (by choosing 2x speed.)
If you are not using an educational account, you must choose Short video
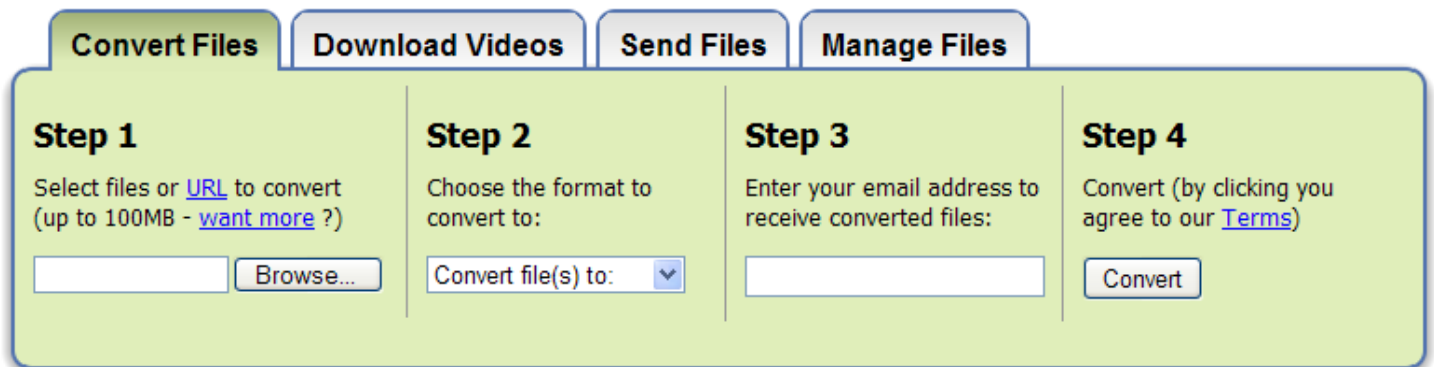rather than Full length.
Choose **Save**.

Step 6:

Produce Video

Choose Produce Video. This may take awhile depending on the size, etc.
You will receive an email when your video is finished and can download it
with an educational account. The video will be in an .mp4 format
which will need to be converted before it will play on your
computer.

The easiest way to convert your video is to use http://www.zamzar.com/

Convert Files   **Download Videos**   **Send Files**   **Manage Files**

Step 1
Select files or URL to convert (up to 100MB – want more ?)

Browse...

Step 2
Choose the format to convert to:

Convert file(s) to:

Step 3
Enter your email address to receive converted files:

Step 4
Convert (by clicking you agree to our Terms)

Convert

Load your video by browsing to where ever it was saved then choose to convert it to .wmv (listed under
video formats.) Enter your email address and you will be notified when it is ready.