

Helpful resources: Unit 3 projects

Sound:

- **Audacity** is the go-to for all things audio, including podcasts and creating audio files to edit into your videos. Easy to use (don't let it intimidate you!), lots of tutorials and videos. You'll end up with mp3 files, which are standard and easy to add when you're editing video: <https://www.audacityteam.org/>
- **Bensound** royalty-free music of every genre you can think of, downloadable, editable mp3 files: <https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music>
- **Freesound** royalty-free sounds (including things like toilets flushing), downloadable mp3 files: <https://freesound.org/>
- More free music: <https://www.purple-planet.com/>
- More free sound effects: <http://soundbible.com/free-sound-effects-1.html>
- Copyright safe images (photos, clip art, etc): <https://search.creativecommons.org/>

Podcasts:

- *The New York Times* has this great set of exercises and information especially for students to show you how to create a podcast, and it has student-created examples: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/22/learning/making-a-podcast-that-matters-a-guide-with-examples-from-23-students.html>

Graphics:

- **Canva** is everybody's favorite: infographics, comic strips, brochures, posters, newsletters, presentations, even animated images. It's free for the most part, especially if you upload our own images. <https://www.canva.com/>
- **Animaker** is a free, pretty easy animated video creator several of my students have used very successfully: <https://www.animaker.com/>
- **Animoto** is video/animation maker that has a free version (it does put its branding on your videos, but it's not horrible looking) and some students have also used very successfully. <https://animoto.com/>
- **Moovly** is another animation creator; hands move, lots of fun, has a free version: <https://www.moovly.com/>
- **Storyboardthat** has a free version that lets you make comics. <https://www.storyboardthat.com/>
- *For copyright-free images* (both photos and clip art), search through **Creative Commons**. Be sure to see if what you choose needs to be given credit (you can do it in the written piece). Once you download things, you can upload them to Canva. <https://search.creativecommons.org/>

Video

- **OpenShot** and **ShotCut** are the best free (relatively easy) video editors (go to YouTube for more free tutorials for both of them – the ones I have linked are good ones but you can find more). **DaVinci Resolve** and **Lightworks** are also free and a step up... and a step harder.
- **iMovie** is great if you're using Apple (Mac, iPhone, iPad).
- **Video Editor app** is on Windows 10 for free and is pretty basic but fine.
- **Screencast-o-matic** is free if you want to do screen capture videos from your laptop. Word of warning: if you really want to do some close editing work, it will cost, but for the basics, it's fine. You can upload the resulting video to YouTube or its own cloud.