



Video Projects Across the Curriculum

Language Arts/English Projects

- A group of students edit together a video scrapbook of the highlights of the school year's activities.
- Create a short video newscast of school or community events and news.
- Create a short documentary on some aspect of school, personal or community life.
- Create an "All About Me" autobiographical video using still photos and video clips.
- Teach something you know about using video format.
- Create a "video paper" instead of writing a paper and present it to the class.
- Use writing a script as a creative writing assignment.
- Write a script using correct spelling, punctuation and grammar. This becomes a language arts assignment.
- Write a critique of your video production as a writing assignment.
- Give a speech or presentation on video.
- Bring a book report to life by acting out an excerpt of it and putting it on video.
- Do a video book report. Use a webcam to record yourself talking about the book. What you liked, what you didn't like, etc.

Science Projects

- Research and make a video about an animal that lives in your area. Learners can find pictures and footage online to use or they can shoot their own videos for the project.
- Create a video about the ice breaking up or freezing. Learners can shoot the video over several days or weeks and then put it together as a documentary. They can narrate what is happening to the ice as it melts and shifts or as it freezes.
- Shoot a video to document pollution or another environmental problem in your community.
- Videotape a science lab and have the teacher add it to a video archive of science experiment demos.
- Check out this video on YouTube [Evaporating Water in -30C in Yellowknife, NWT](#) – a great science lesson.

Math Projects

- Shoot video that visualizes a math concept in a real life situation, like using measuring cups to measure your ingredients for a recipe.
- Shoot and edit a video counting book for young kids.
- Shoot and edit a fun and engaging learning tool for young children on counting, adding, etc.
- Shoot video that shows how to do a certain concept like adding fractions or converting metric to imperial units.
- Do instructional videos on math topics using online pictures, footage and your own video clips.

Social Studies Projects

- Bring a video camera along on a field trip and create a documentary video of the field trip. Be sure to ask permission to shoot video at the location.
- Document your family history by creating a video using old photos or video clips. You might add audio interviews to bring it to life.
- Create a “video postcard” of another country or city using photos that you find on the internet.
- Write, shoot and edit a commercial. This could be about an existing product or one you made up.
- Do a report on a different country by making a video. You can use pictures and video footage found on the internet. Research information about the country and narrate your video with interesting facts.
- Interview Elders in your community about traditional ways. Ask them what they think of new technologies.
- Show Elders in your community video projects that you have produced. Ask them what they think. Ask them if you can video tape the discussion.
- Create a video of your community.
- Do instructional videos on traditional and cultural activities that you know how to do. Or you could ask someone to show you how to do them. Examples: beading, tanning a hide, trapping, hunting, running dogs, cooking, etc.
- Do a history report by creating a video. Topics could include: colonization, a review of treaties for your area, self-government, consensus government, fur trade, etc.

Health Projects

- Make a video about all the recreational activities in your community like dog sledding, skiing, hiking, camping, cycling. Use the video as a promotional video for your community.
- Interview people about what they like to do for exercise.
- Shoot a video of the benefits of exercise.
- Create a short documentary on a common health problem, such as obesity, smoking, alcohol abuse, diabetes, etc.
- Document a social problem in the community by shooting video of it and creating a movie offering a possible solution or call for action.
- Create a video public service announcement (PSA) for a local non-profit group like the Friendship Centre or Youth Centre.

Other Ideas

- Research a career you are interested in pursuing. Visit some on-the-job sites and shoot and edit a documentary about that career.
- Make a video of the local childcare program and then ask parents to come in and view the video.
- Make a movie of any traditional activities that are happening in the community like drum dancing, feasts or Spring or Fall camps.
- Think of one question and then ask a variety of community members to answer the question. Example: What is your favourite food? What is your favourite winter activity? What is the most important thing for our community?
- Make a documentary on adult learners. Ask other learners in your program why they have gone back to school.