

PROJECT 1

STOP-MOTION

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

LENGTH: 45-60 seconds of story

LEADER: 2 seconds of black before and after movie (no image, but you can fade audio in and out of the black leader)

SIZE: 4:3 aspect ratio (or ratio of your camera if different, since it is based on photographs instead of HD video)

TOOLS: Digital Still Camera

FORMAT: H.264 Movie posted to Vimeo and linked on your blog

ASSIGNMENT

Through still photography and sound, shoot a stop-frame animation using analog letterform (not hand-written) and image to visually portray an idiom.

IDIOM: An expression whose meaning is not predictable from the usual meanings of its constituent elements, as in *kick the bucket* or *hang one's head*.

<http://www.idiomsite.com> or <http://www.usingenglish.com/reference/idioms>

OBJECTIVES

- Experiencing the hands-on approach of a frame-by-frame animation
- Using stop-frame animation to its benefit (eg. bringing inanimate things to life)
- Understanding the language of animation through frame rate, time code, key frames, and in-betweens
- Considering rhythm, duration, and speed
- Exploring motion and space
- Focusing on composition and letterform
- Demonstrating the basics of storytelling – beginning, middle, end
- Thinking conceptually and conveying meaning

DELIVERABLES

Jan. 06: Project assigned, create blog (send link), choose your idiom

For next class:

1. Research stop-frame animations - post to your blog
2. Create storyboards for stop-frame animation - post to your blog

Jan. 11: Group discussions (talk about ideas, research, storyboards)

For next class:

Bring photos and/or camera equipment to be able to work during class.
Make significant progress and bring questions for critique/feedback.

Jan. 13: Learn how to import and export. Progress critique. Work in class.

For next class:

Upload to Vimeo and link from your blog. Upload storyboard to blog.

Jan. 18: No Class.

Jan. 20: Final critique. Stop motion animation and storyboard DUE (upload to vimeo and posted to your blog, along with your process).