

One Good Idea: How to Make a 1 Minute Film

Making a film is a great way to bring your story and ideas to life. It can also be a fun way to get your message across to a large audience. Now that you have researched your topic and created your 'One Good Idea,' it's time to make your 1 Minute Film!

The Process

1. How to... Prepare

- Create a storyboard for your film. This is a requirement for the Stage 1 Proposal Form and it will help you sketch out ideas for your film. *Check out the 'How to Create a Storyboard' and 'Storyboard Template' on the website.*
- Brainstorm film ideas with your team. Think about:
 - Characters
 - Genre
 - Location
 - Script
 - Style
 - Your target audience
 - The message you want to share
- Make sure your ideas are realistic. *(Do you have the resources and time to do what you want?)*

2. How to... Story



What your film is about

- Write a script for your film. This should be approx. 120 words and will be the narration for your video.



- The Three-act Structure can be helpful in script-writing and storyboarding, especially if you have a short amount of time (you only have **1 Minute!**). Even if you're telling a very simple story, it is important to have a clear **beginning, middle and end.**
- For example, imagine a One-Minute Movie called 'A Man's Best Friend'. The first 20 seconds might be images of a poster about a lost dog. The next 20 seconds could be images of people looking for the dog. And the last 20 seconds could be the boy and his dog reunited. Hey presto! You've made a film!

3. How to... Sound



Sound effects, music, recording, audio

- When the script is finished, record it on your phone in a quiet place.
- Remember, when using music, sound effects and imagery, be mindful of copyright. (Please see end for more info and links).

4. How to... Direct



Being organised

- Identify locations to shoot your film. You can use what is around you such as your home, school or local park.
- Who will act in your film? Will it be your team members or someone else? Can you get your friends and family involved?
- You don't have to use actors and can have an audio script. A series of images, an animation or a stop motion film can work just as well.
- Make a plan for filming – what, where, with whom and when.



- Choose your camera. You can use your phone, a Go Pro or a digital camera, it doesn't need to be fancy.

4. How to... Edit



Shaping your film, putting scenes together

- When you have completed your filming, upload video footage, photos and audio to a computer and put them all together.
- Using a simple editing tool, place the scenes in order and remove any scenes or shots that are not necessary to ensure the story flows and to keep it within 1 minute.
- In the editing tool, add captions and music if necessary.

How to... Submit

- When you are happy with your video, upload it to YouTube. *For help, see how to upload a film to youtube here:* <https://www.lifewire.com/how-to-upload-videos-to-youtube-4142008>
- Just remember to keep it simple and focused on your One Good Idea. It doesn't have to be perfect! It should be snappy, memorable and creative. And most importantly, have fun while making it!
- Then submit your final video online @ <https://onegoodidea.awardsplatform.com/dashboard>.

Check out the links below for more tips and ideas on how to make your film!

Tutorials

- Mobile Film Making: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-gfkXu8OpI>
- Film and Edit Tips for Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jk4sqPDHGRE>

Sound Effects

- Free Sound effects: <https://www.partnersinrhyme.com/pir/PIRsfx.shtml>
- For royalty music: <https://www.partnersinrhyme.com/pir/free music loops.shtml>

