

# Unit 1 - Pre-production

Content Area: **Template**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Full Year**  
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## Unit Overview

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Students will learn to communicate using words and images. Those images can include videos, still pictures and/or graphics. They will shoot and edit a commercial, public service announcement, dramatic scene, video lesson or music video. Organization and collaboration are the keys. During pre-production, students will create a storyboard that will serve as their blueprint when they shoot and edit. The storyboard will include all planned shots, dialog, props and makeup needs.

Fifth grade students are taking video production for the first time. As an introduction, they will be shown real-world examples of scriptwriting to demonstrate the time and effort that is used to produce multiple drafts of scripts. We have used the writers and directors of Coraline and The Hunger Games as examples.

## Enduring Understandings

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Planning is the first step of the design process. Whether it is in visual art, woodshop, or STEAM, planning by designing is an integral part of the creation process.

## Essential Questions

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What message do you want to communicate?  
How will you communicate your message?  
How do videos convey our feelings, thoughts, and emotions?

## Learning Objectives

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Students will learn to plan and organize a story.  
Students will write a script.  
Students will work on collaboration skills.  
How do media artists generate ideas and formulate artistic intent?  
How does collaboration expand and affect the creative process?  
How can creative risks be encouraged?  
What is a storyboard?  
Why do artists create storyboards?  
How do media artists and designers determine whether a particular direction in their work would be effective?  
How do media artists learn from trial and error?  
How do media artists improve/refine their work?  
How are complex media arts experiences constructed?

How do media artists use various tools and techniques?  
Explore careers in video production/media arts.

## Standards: Content

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MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr	Creating
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1	Generating and conceptualizing ideas.  Media arts use a variety of sources such as imagination and creative processes to inspire and transform concepts and ideas into artistic expression.  How do media artists generate ideas and formulate artistic intent? How does collaboration expand and affect the creative process? How can creative risks be encouraged?  Conceive
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1a	Generate ideas for media artwork, using a variety of tools, methods and/or materials.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1b	Develop individual and collaborative artistic goals for media artwork using a variety of methods.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1c	Connect media artwork to personal experiences and the work of others.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1d	Collaboratively form ideas, plans, and models to prepare for media artwork.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1e	Model ideas and plans in an effective direction.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1f	Brainstorm goals and plans for a media art audience.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr2	Organizing and developing ideas.  Media artists plan, organize and develop creative ideas that can effectively realize the artistic intent and communicate meaning.  How do media artists work? How do media artists and designers determine whether a particular direction in their work would be effective? How do media artists learn from trial and error?  Develop
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr2a	Collaboratively form ideas, plans and models to prepare for media artwork.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr2b	Model ideas, plan in an effective direction.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr2c	Brainstorm goals and plans for a media art audience.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Re	Responding
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Re7	Perceiving and analyzing products.  An artist's appreciation of media artworks is influenced by their interests, experiences, understandings, and purposes. Identifying the qualities and characteristics of media artworks improves the individual's aesthetic and empathetic awareness.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Re7a	Identify, describe, explain and differentiate how messages and meaning are created by components in media artworks.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Re7b	Identify, describe, explain and differentiate how various forms, methods, and styles in media artworks affect and manage audience experience when addressing global issues including climate change.  Interpretation and appreciation of an artwork and its media require consideration of form, context and personal experience. Analysis of media artworks provides clues to their expressive intent.

	Interpret
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Re8a	Determine, explain and compare personal and group reactions and interpretations of a variety of media artworks, considering their personal and cultural perception, intention and context.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Re9	Applying criteria to evaluate products.  Evaluation and critique are vital components of experiencing, appreciating and producing media artworks.  How and why do we value and judge media artworks? When and how should we evaluate and critique media artworks to improve them? How is a personal preference different from an evaluation?
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Re9a	Develop and apply specific criteria to evaluate media art works and production processes with developed criteria, considering context and artistic goals.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cn10	Synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create products.  Through creating media artworks, people make meaning by investigating and developing an awareness of culture and experiences.  How does engaging in creating media artworks enrich people's lives? How does making media artworks attune people to their surroundings? How do media artworks contribute to an awareness and understanding of our lives and communities?
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cn10a	Use, examine and access internal and external resources to create media artworks, such as interests, knowledge and experiences.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cn10b	Identify, examine and show how media artworks form meanings, situations and cultural experiences, such as news and cultural events.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cn11	Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural, and historical contexts to deepen understanding.  Understanding connections to varied contexts and daily life enhances a media artist's work.  How does art help us understand the lives of people of different times, places, and cultures? How is art used to impact the views of a society? How does art mirror aspects of life? How do the other arts, disciplines, contexts, and daily life inform the creation, performance and response to media arts?
	Relate
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cn11a	Identify, explain, research and show how media artworks and ideas relate to personal, social and community life (e.g., exploring online behavior, fantasy and reality, commercial and information purposes, history, ethics).
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cn11b	Examine, discuss and interact appropriately with media arts tools and environments, considering safety, ethics, rules, and media literacy.

## **Standards: Interdisciplinary**

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ELA.RL.MF.5.6	Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem).
ELA.SL.II.5.2	Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).
ELA.SL.UM.5.5	Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.
CS.3-5.8.2.5.ED.3	Follow step by step directions to assemble a product or solve a problem, using appropriate tools to accomplish the task.

CS.3-5.8.2.5.ED.4	Explain factors that influence the development and function of products and systems (e.g., resources, criteria, desired features, constraints).
CS.3-5.8.2.5.ED.5	Describe how specifications and limitations impact the engineering design process.
TECH.9.4.5.DC.1	Explain the need for and use of copyrights.

## Assessment Evidence

Formative	Collaborative Activities, Homework, Classwork, Discussion, Independent Class Assignment, Informal Observations of Students, Interactive Notebooks
Summative	Tests, Pre-Assessments, Quizzes, Written Responses, Projects
Alternative & Benchmark	Alternative - Read to the student and chart oral responses, graphic organizers, observations, portfolios of student work, orally administered assessments, Project based-learning, Storyboards Benchmark – LinkIt Benchmark Assessment, Teacher generated summative assessments
<a href="#">Assessment Evidence Resource</a>	

## Instructional Resources

Smartboard, Computers, iPads, websites and digital interactives/models, Multi-media presentations, video streaming, Brain Pop, Microsoft 365, Video Recording Equipment and Software, Final Pro X, Storyboards, props for videos.

[Instructional Resource List](#)

## Curricular Mandates

*Below are the curricular requirements as defined in NJ Administrative Code and Statute*

Amistad	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Holocaust	LGBT and Disabilities (Grades 6-12)
Climate Change	Asian American & Pacific Islander

## **Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies**

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### *NJ Social and Emotional Learning Competencies & Sub-Competencies*

	Self-Awareness	X	Relationship Skills
X	Responsible Decision-Making	X	Social Awareness
	Self-Management		

## **21st Century Skills & Themes**

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X	Global and Cultural Awareness	X	Technology Literacy	Planning and Budgeting
X	Creativity and Innovation		Financial Institutions	Risk Management and Insurance
X	Information and Media Literacy	X	Digital Citizenship	Economic and Government Influences
X	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving		Credit Profile	Career Awareness and Planning
	Civic Financial Responsibility		Financial Psychology	