Using **Movie Maker** to make podcasts

Steps:

1. Find pictures and save in folder (done?)
2. Write script (by end of class Tues)
3. Import pictures
4. Order pictures to match script
5. Record narration (by end of class Mon. 4/15)
6. Match narration to timing of pictures
7. Export as .wmv file to the S drive on the network (by end of class Wed. 4/17)
8. Write multiple choice questions and submit as word doc. to Sra. (by Wed. 4/17)
9. Create table with vocab list and submit as word doc to Sra. (by Wed. 4/17)

Additional class steps for using

1. Watch all podcasts to share information and learning with rest of class
2. Complete multiple choice assessment
3. Take vocabulary quiz
4. Sra. will upload podcasts to weebly (Sra.)
5. Sra. will direct public attention to completed podcasts on www.wvspanish.weebly.com

Troubleshooting – Warnings- Suggestions

1. Laptops do not have enough “speed” to support the movie maker program. Every one we tried froze up when attempting to record narration. Laptops also do not support all functions of the movie maker program in importing/moving/saving pictures. Using the laptops we currently have on the COW is not feasible.
2. We have 5 microphones available. Recording on same computer that you will continue to work on is best. That means if you’re working in Mrs. Frank’s you will have to record during a open period or after school. You may “sign out” a microphone and try recording at home. We have not tried this yet.
3. Some older desktops do not have enough “speed” to support all functions of movie maker program. Some signs that you need to switch computers are:
   * pictures were x’d out when you opened it up the next time
   * it freezes on you while you’re working
   * it takes a long time to save
4. Continue to work on the same computer as much as possible. This tends to support your ability to work without repeating things you have already done.
5. Narration may freeze when you’re recording. Be aware. Suggestions :

* Record in chunks. Save. Then move curser to end of recorded chunk to start recording again.
* Make the last picture/slide last long enough to support the length of your recording. (You and adjust it later.) It doesn’t seem to want to let you record past that last slide.
* You may need to “add chunking” later to allow your pictures to line up with narration.
* Watch out for “flow” of narration so that it sounds natural.

1. Timing of slides:
   * When you put you put your pictures into the story board use the option to increase the picture duration (?) so that your pictures are bigger already and it’s easier to shorten them
   * You can also “zoom in” – with the magnifying glass—and then you can manipulate them more easily.
   * If picture just won’t work the way you want, you can delete it and re-import it and then it may function the way you want it to.
2. Some kinds of jumpdrives/USB memory sticks do not work well with our network. Beware of “cruzer” or others that require a program to be installed in order to function.
3. If you work on it somewhere else, be aware of the version of moviemaker. If you work in a more recent version it won’t work here at school with our movie maker version. (Not sure of the version here. Need to verify.)