

Videography

Stop Motion Project

Objective

The goal of this module is to explore storytelling through the use of stop motion.

What Is Stop Motion?

According to Wikipedia, a stop movie motion is a "filmmaking technique in which objects are physically manipulated in small increments between individually photographed frames so that they will appear to exhibit independent motion or change when the series of frames is played back."

Stop motion has been around since the silent era. Remember those flip books you used to make as a youngster. That's stop motion.

Most stop motion film utilize puppets (*Isle of Dogs*, USA, 2018). Others mix clay and puppets with a little CGI. (*Shaun the Sheep Movie*, UK, 2014). Others use paper cutouts. It is a very unique storytelling technique.

With the advent of CGI, stop motion filmmaking has been pushed to the background but the technique is still a relatively popular niche market.

Understanding Stop Motion

1. Watch the video [How to Make a Flipbook](#).
2. Watch the theme song/opening to the Netflix series [Rilakkuma and Kaoru](#).
3. Ask yourself. What do you think this show is about? Who are the main characters? What does the opening of the show tell you about the tone of the show.
4. Ask yourself. How is stop motion used as a story telling technique? Could the story be told effectively without stop motion?

Producing a Stop Motion Movie

1. Develop a short story you would like to tell using stop motion. Your film may be no longer than one minute (think about how long it would take to produce a sixty minute stop motion film!)
2. Access [CloudStopMotion](#), an online stop motion platform. What is unique about the platform is that you use your laptop camera to take photos.
3. Your username and password will be sent to you.
4. Make sure your stop motion film has appropriate title and credits.
5. You may also use (copyright free, of course!) music to enhance your movie.

When your stop motion film is finished, export it as an mp4 and email it to me.

