



VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL
COMMUNITIES INDIGENOUS FOODS
NETWORK (VICCIFN)

DIGITAL STORYTELLING WORKSHEET

DEVELOP STORY IDEA

WRITE STORY

SELECT PHOTOS

SELECT YOUR MUSIC AND AMBIENT SOUND

DEVELOPING IDEAS AND WRITING YOUR STORY

Try to come up with a story that focuses upon something that you enjoy or feel is very important to share with others. Keep your story writing short and to the point. Remember: this is a DIGITAL story and you want your story to be told not only through words but also through visuals and audio. Don't forget that your written story will eventually be recorded as a voice over... so be sure to read over your written story to make sure that it sounds "natural".

SELECTING PHOTOS

A picture says a thousand words! Choose photographs that speak directly to the story you are sharing and that are bright and colourful (unless you choose to use black & white photos of course). Try to avoid blurry and grainy photos. Generally, in digital stories you will show each photograph for roughly six seconds... so try not to choose photos that are too busy or require too much time to fully absorb. (i.e. stay away from photos that have way too many people doing many different things or photos that have a lot of writing).

SELECTING MUSIC AND AMBIENT SOUND

In a digital story you will be using a recorded voice over with photos. To enhance your story it is helpful to use music and ambient sounds as background texture. Music should be instrumental (no singing or words) as it is less distracting with your voice over. Ambient sounds can be sounds of nature or the environment of your story (waves, animal

noises, traffic noise, etc) Ambient sound should be used rarely and only to complement your story and a specific photo.