



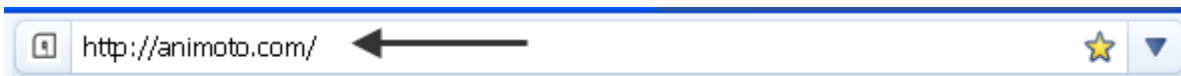
The Digital Classroom-Animoto For Education

Animoto is an awesome site that allows you to create custom, professional-looking videos from digital pictures. You could use it for introducing a unit of study, book talks, year-end celebrations; you are only limited by what you can create. Anyone can sign up for an account and create free, 30 second videos. Educators can apply for an Education account, which allows you to create full-length videos with music.

This guide will walk you through the sign-up process and show you, step-by-step, how to create your first video in a matter of moments.

1) Sign-Up

- Enter the address <http://animoto.com> into your web browser.

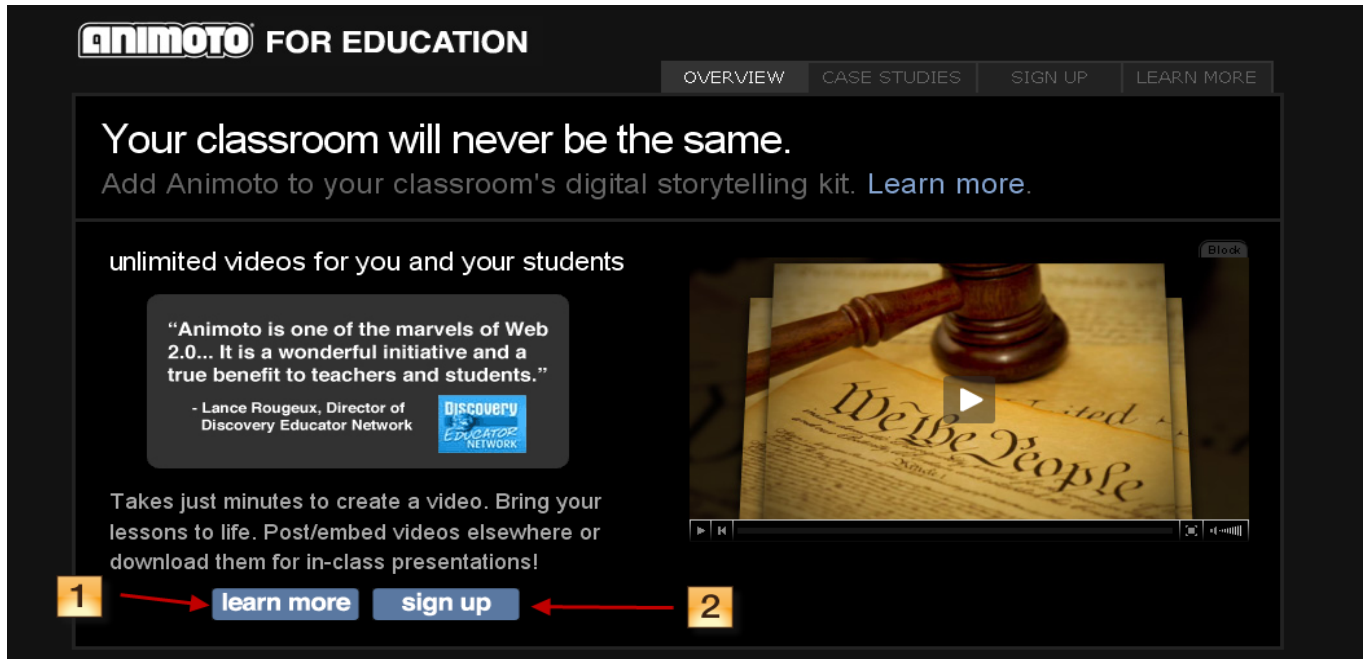


- Here is what you see. At the bottom, click *For Education* (1).



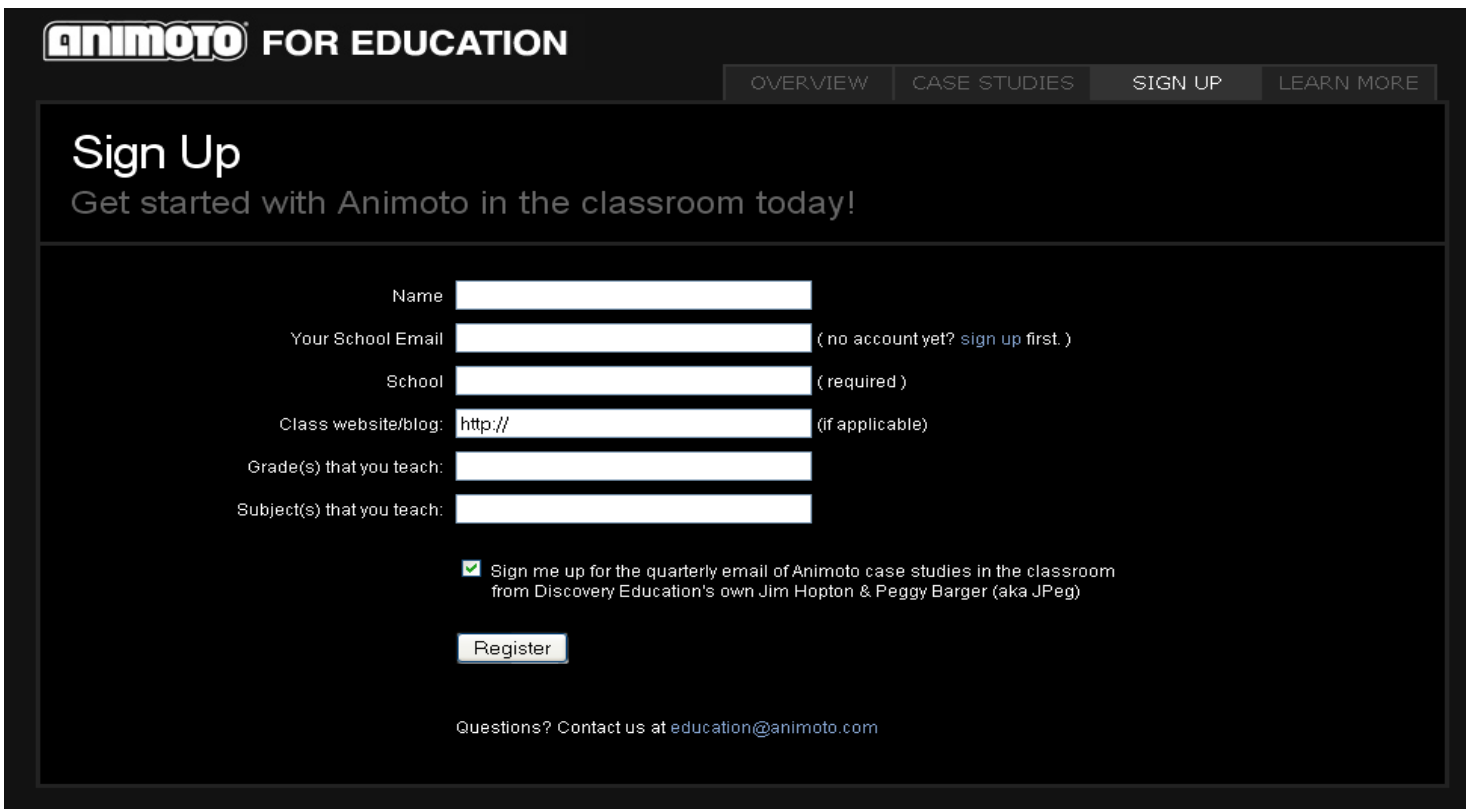
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- If you want to learn more about the site click *Learn More* (1). If you are ready to sign-up click *Sign-Up* (2).



The image shows the Animoto For Education landing page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for OVERVIEW, CASE STUDIES, SIGN UP, and LEARN MORE. The main heading reads "Your classroom will never be the same." followed by the subtext "Add Animoto to your classroom's digital storytelling kit. Learn more." Below this, there is a section titled "unlimited videos for you and your students" which includes a quote from Lance Rougeux, Director of Discovery Educator Network, and a video player showing a document titled "We the People" with a gavel. At the bottom of the landing page, there are two buttons: "learn more" and "sign up". Red arrows point to these buttons, with the number "1" next to the "learn more" button and the number "2" next to the "sign up" button.

- On The Sign-Up page fill out the required information. Be sure to use your school email address. (This is how they verify you are an educator.) It normally takes 24 hours for them to get back to you so be patient.



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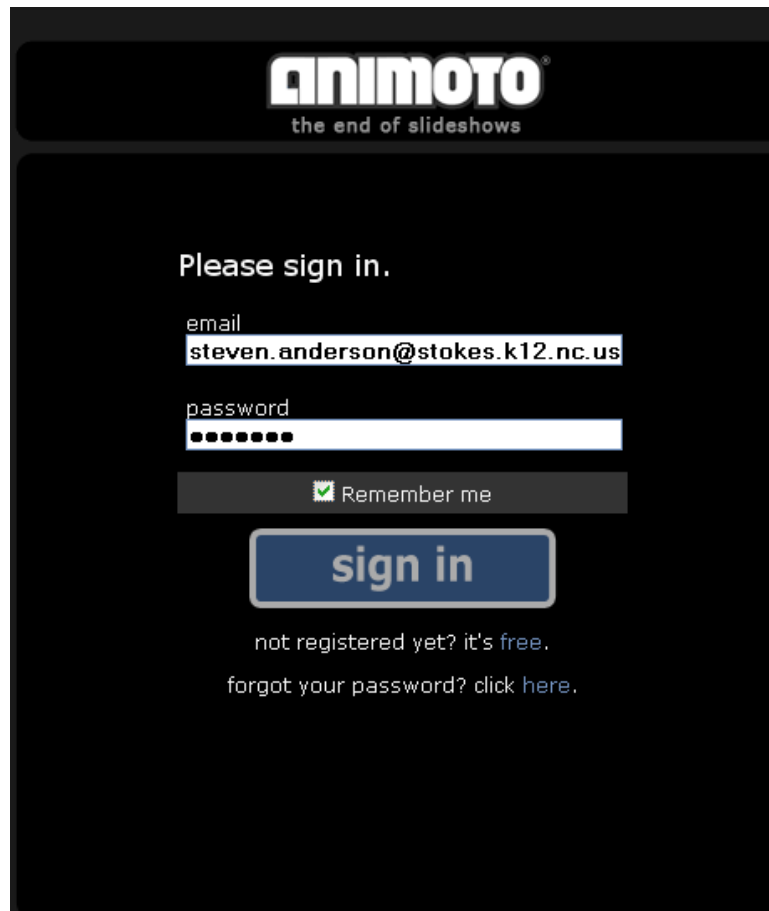
- Name:
- Your School Email: (no account yet? sign up first.)
- School: (required)
- Class website/blog: http:// (if applicable)
- Grade(s) that you teach:
- Subject(s) that you teach:

There is a checkbox checked for "Sign me up for the quarterly email of Animoto case studies in the classroom from Discovery Education's own Jim Hopton & Peggy Barger (aka JPeg)". Below the form is a "Register" button. At the bottom, there is a link: "Questions? Contact us at education@animoto.com".

While you are waiting for your account to be verified check out the tips on using Animoto in your classroom and also check out the case studies to see how others are using Animoto.

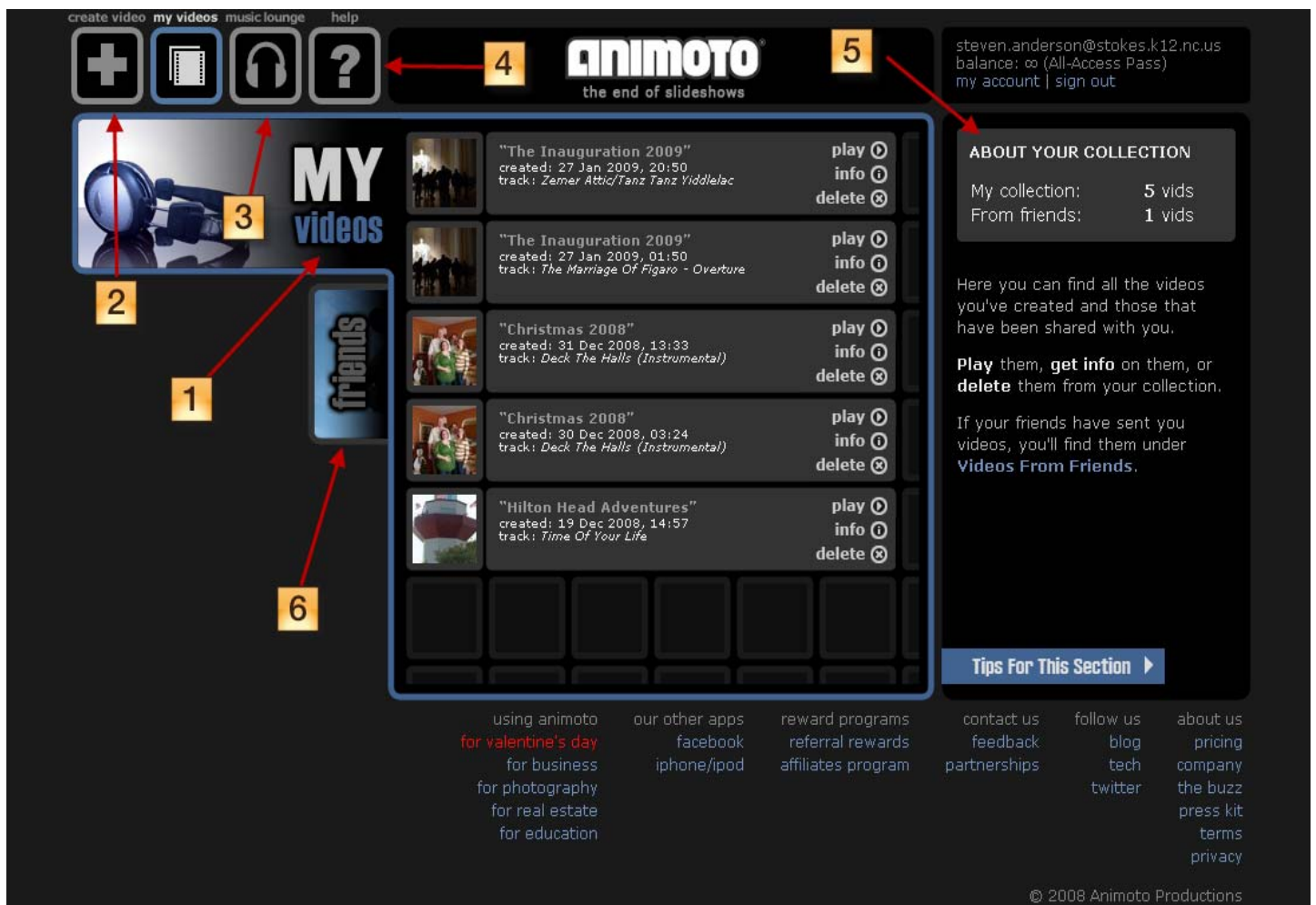
2) Using Your Account

- Once you receive your email from Animoto in Education, follow the instructions to register your account. Once you complete those instructions you can sign-in on the main site.



The image shows a screenshot of the Animoto sign-in page. At the top, the Animoto logo is displayed with the tagline "the end of slideshows". Below the logo, the text "Please sign in." is centered. There are two input fields: one for "email" containing the address "steven.anderson@stokes.k12.nc.us" and one for "password" with masked characters. A "Remember me" checkbox is checked. A blue "sign in" button is positioned below the fields. At the bottom, there are two links: "not registered yet? it's free." and "forgot your password? click here."

- Here is what you will see:
 - 1) My Videos-Once you create videos this is where you will be able to view them. From here you can also remix videos and delete videos you have created.
 - 2) Create Video Button-Here is where you will go to create your video.
 - 3) Music Lounge-Animoto has a collection of Copyright Free music for you to choose from to add to your videos. You can preview the music you might want to add in the Lounge. (You will still have the opportunity to preview music when you create your video. The lounge allows you to preview without creating.)
 - 4) Help- Very good help documents if you get stuck.
 - 5) Information about your collection
 - 6) Videos From Friends-You can share your videos with friends who are also registered with Animoto. Right now you have one from your Friends at Animoto.

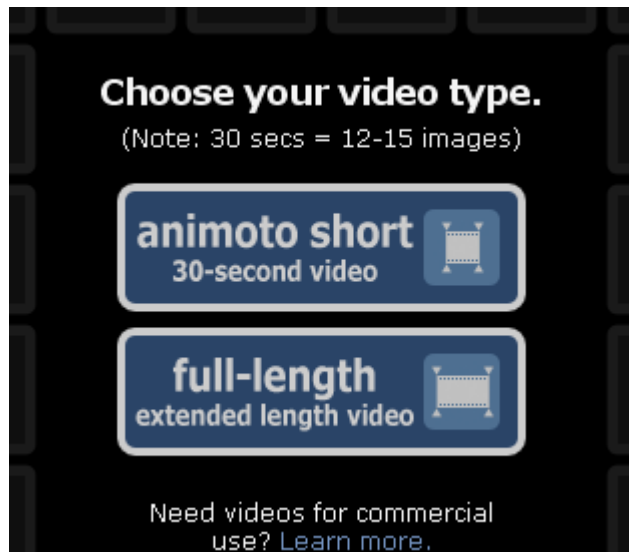


3) Making Your First Video

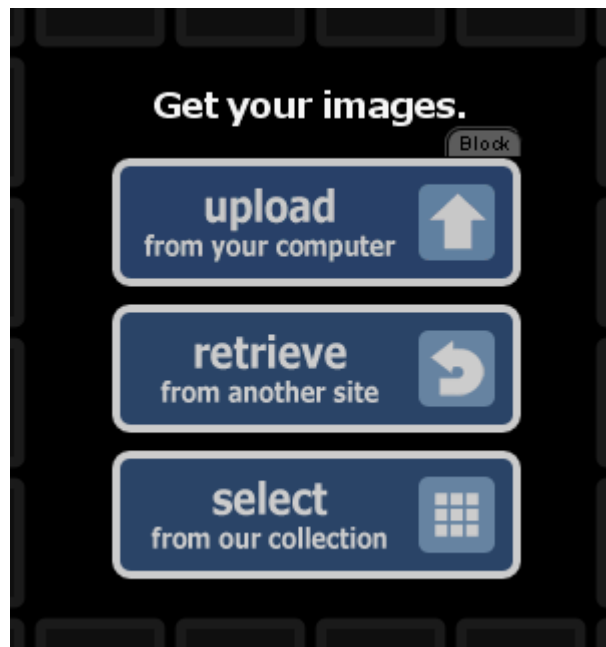
- Log into your account and click the *Create Video* button.



- First you need to decide what type of video you want to make, 30 seconds (12-15 images max) or a full length. The type of video will depend on your images. Once you decide click the type you want to create. (The steps are the same for each type.)



- Next you will need to add images. You have three choices:
 - 1) Upload From Your Computer-If your pictures are saved on your computer choose this option. Browse to where the pictures are. Click the picture to add and press open. (Tip: You can choose more than one picture at once by holding the CTRL key and clicking the images you want to add. This will select them all at once and you only have to upload one time.
 - 2) Retrieve From Another Site-If you use Facebook, Flickr, Picasa, SmugMug or Photobucket, you can add images you have stored on those sites.
 - 3) Select From Our Collection-You can browse Animoto's collection of copyright free images that you can use in your video. This is good if you need to add some images to fill time or you need that perfect picture to make your video just right. Their collection is extensive and changes with the seasons.



Tip: What is really awesome with this program is you can do all three of those to get images into your video. And you can go back as many times as you need to add more images.

- If you choose to upload your pictures from your computer you will see the upload window. Depending on the number and size of the images to upload, and the speed of your connection it can take anywhere from 2 minutes to an hour.

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the end of slideshows

steven.anderson@stokes.k12.nc.us
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1. let's get your IMAGES

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total: 8,676 kb / 46,646 kb

cancel upload

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2. music

3. finalize

DIRECTIONS

The maximum size we allow is **5120kb** per image.

Currently, we only allow **JPG**, **JPEG**, and **GIF** image files.

Want to speed up your upload? Find out how in our tips section below

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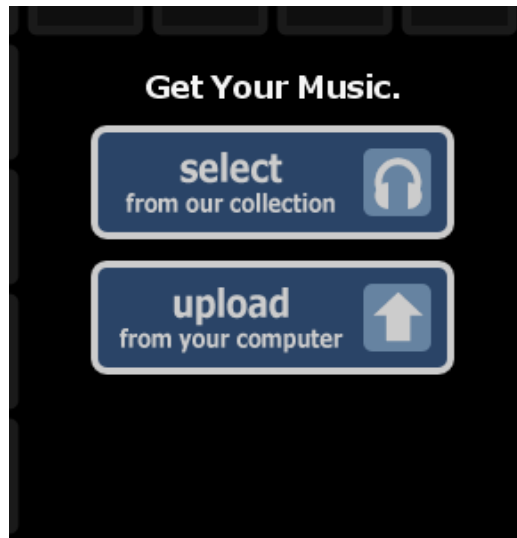
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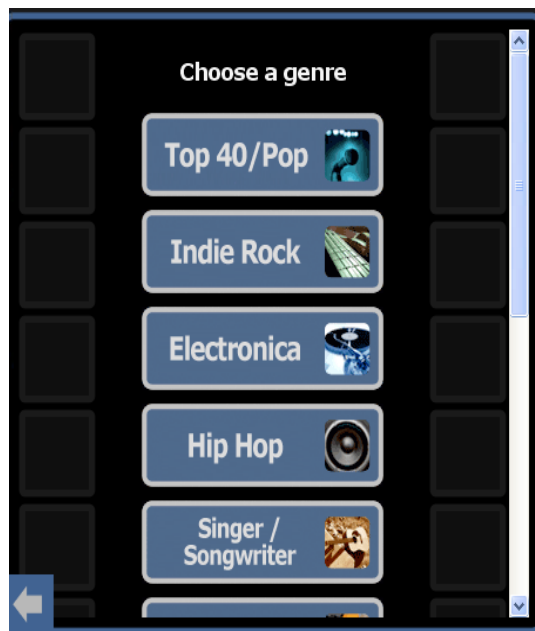
- Here I have upload some pictures from my trip to NCCAT on the coast. There are several things you can do at this point.
 - 1) Upload More Pictures
 - 2) Add Text-This is great for title slides or any other information you might want to include before or after an image. (Remember you don't control timing so consider this if you want to include lots of text.)
 - 3) Rotate-If you have an image you need to rotate simply click it and click the *Rotate* button until it is the way you want it.
 - 4) Spotlight-This highlights images in your show. (A really cool added effect for those special images.)
 - 5) Delete-If you need to delete an image select it and click *Delete*.
 - 6) Continue-This takes you to the next portion of the video making.

The screenshot displays the Animoto interface for creating a video. At the top, there are navigation links: 'create video', 'my videos', 'music lounge', and 'help'. The main workspace features a grid of image thumbnails. A text box with a 'T' icon is positioned at the top left of the grid. A cloud-shaped callout labeled 'A Text Slide' points to this text box. Another cloud-shaped callout labeled 'Spotlighted Slides' points to two yellow-bordered image thumbnails in the grid. Below the grid, there are six numbered yellow boxes (1-6) with red arrows pointing to specific buttons: 1 points to 'add more', 2 to 'add text', 3 to 'rotate', 4 to 'spotlight', 5 to 'delete', and 6 to 'continue'. The bottom of the interface includes a row of icons for 'add more', 'add text', 'rotate', 'spotlight', 'delete', and 'continue'. On the right side, there is a sidebar with user information for 'steven.anderson@stokes.k12.nc.us' and video statistics: 'Visual count: 23', 'Length (est): 0:50', and 'Soundtrack: (none yet)'. Below this, there is a section titled 'ABOUT YOUR VIDEO' with instructions on how to drag, delete, rotate, and spotlight images. At the bottom, there are several links for 'using animoto for valentine's day', 'our other apps', 'reward programs', 'contact us', 'follow us', and 'about us'.

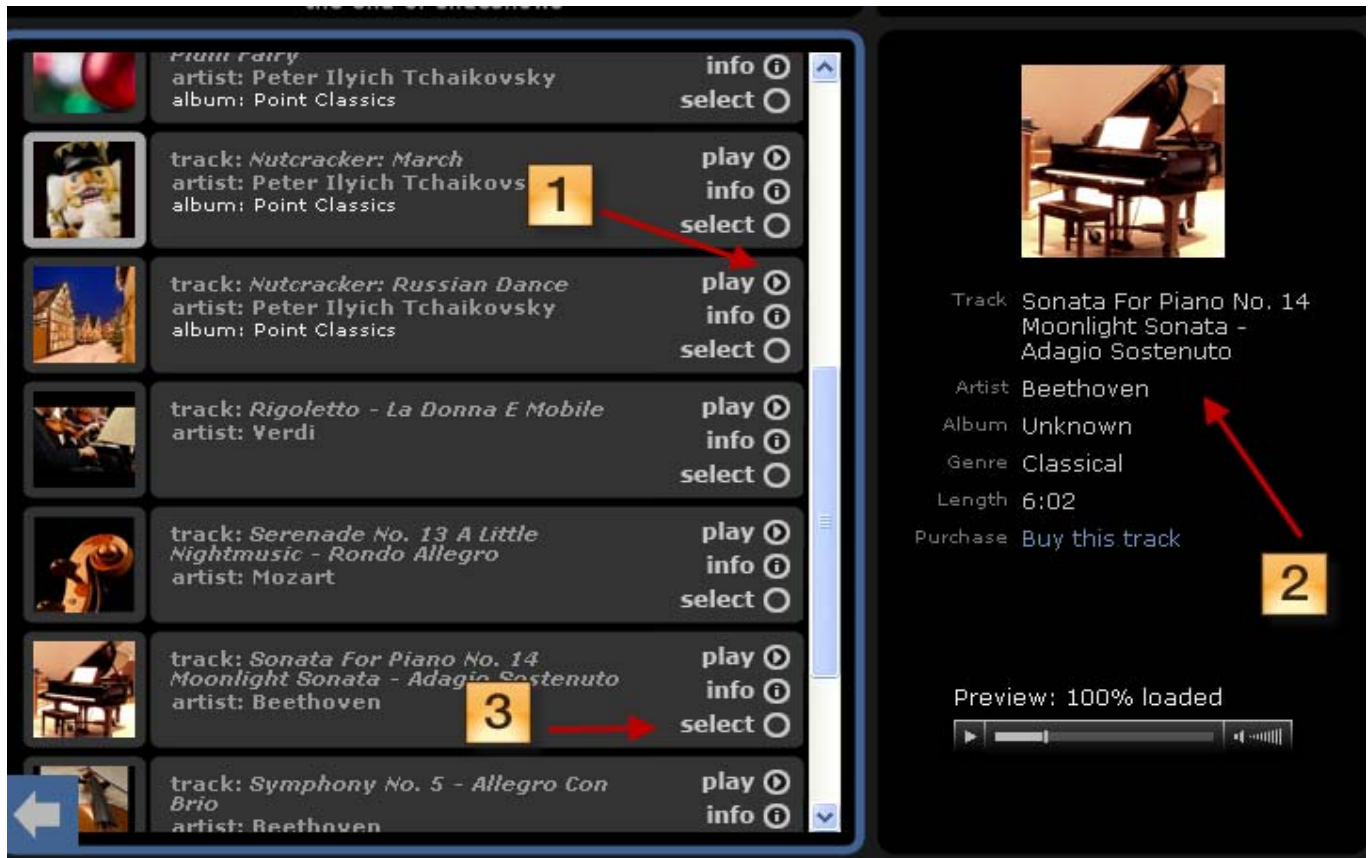
- Adding Music- Once you have your images the way you want them click *Continue* to add music. You have two choices. You can add copyright free music to your images by using the Animoto library or you can add your own music from your collection. (The music must be in mp3 format.) For teachers, the best thing to do is use the Animoto collection.



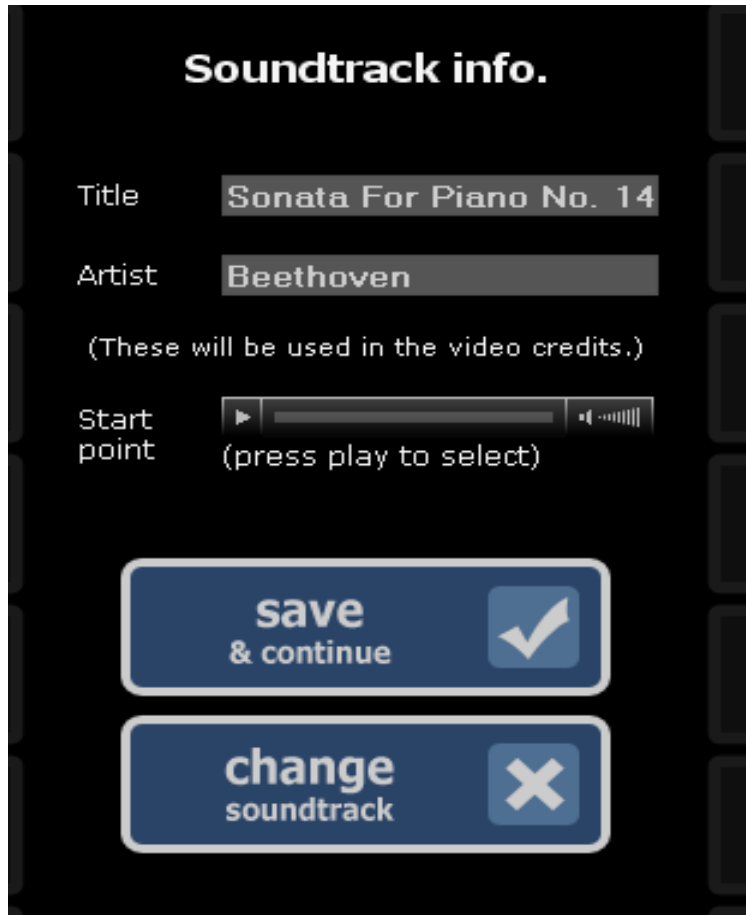
- The Animoto collection is extensive and has 11 different genres to choose from. Find your genre and then browse the music.



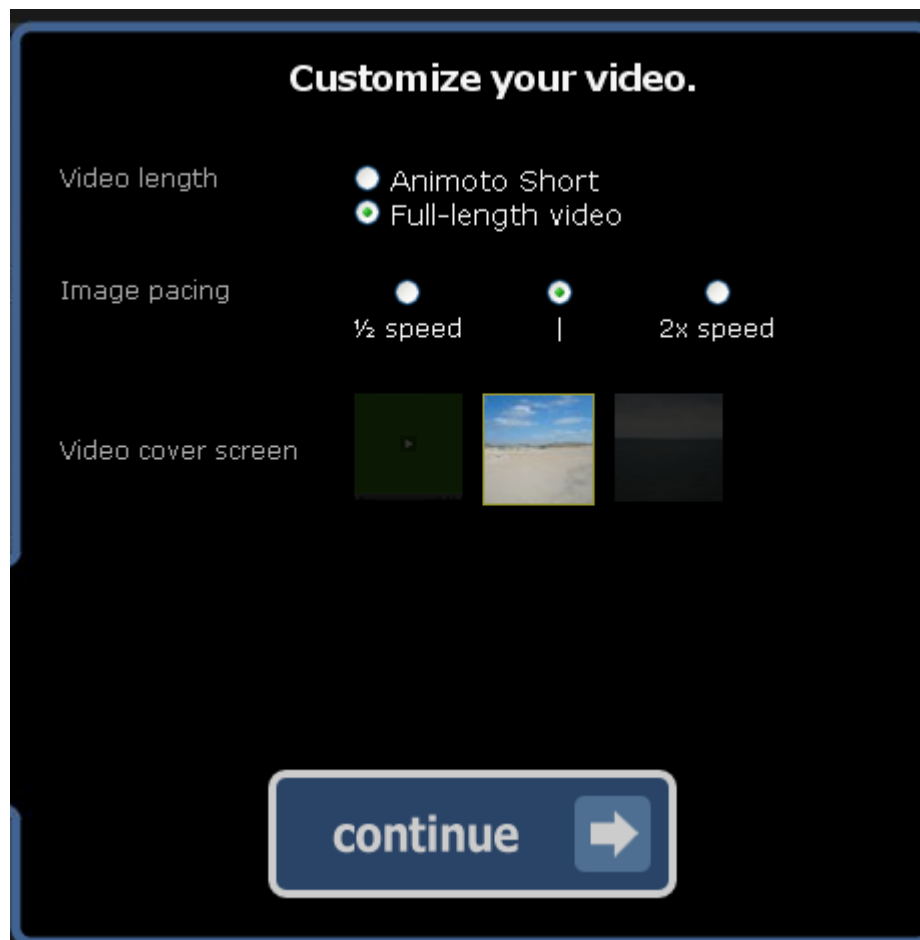
- You can preview any song by pressing the *Play* button (1) next to the song you want to hear. Information about the song is shown on the right (2). When you are ready, press the *Select* button (3) next to the song you want to be put in your video.



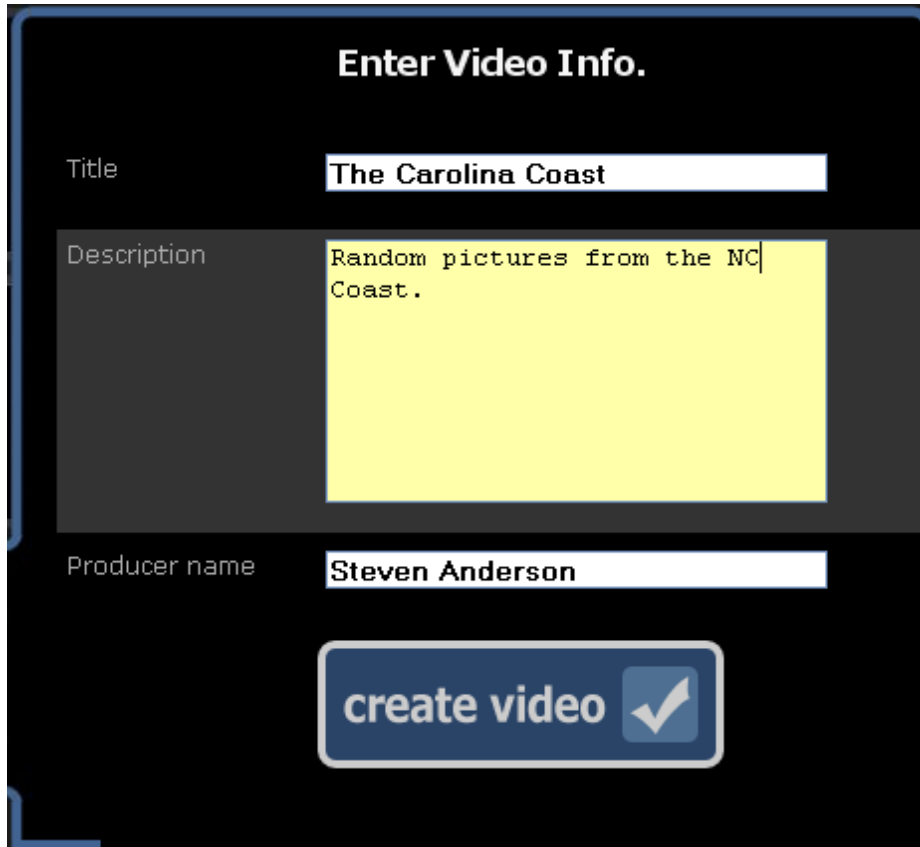
- Once you have made your selection you will give the opportunity to preview again. If it is what you want *Save and Continue*. If you want to change you can go back and choose another track.



- Once you have added your images and picked your music you are ready to Finalize. Here you can choose which type of video you want to make (30 sec/Full Length). Animoto decides how long it should be based on the number of images but you can change it here. You can also control the image pacing and choose the picture you want as the cover of your video. When ready click *Continue*.



- Enter a Title and Description for your video. At this point you can still go back and change anything you think you need to. Once you are ready click *Create Video*.



The screenshot shows a dark-themed form titled "Enter Video Info." with three input fields and a submit button. The "Title" field contains "The Carolina Coast". The "Description" field contains "Random pictures from the NC Coast." and is highlighted in yellow. The "Producer name" field contains "Steven Anderson". At the bottom is a blue button labeled "create video" with a white checkmark icon.

Field	Value
Title	The Carolina Coast
Description	Random pictures from the NC Coast.
Producer name	Steven Anderson

- Depending on the number of images videos take anywhere from a few minutes to an hour to produce. You can follow the progress on this page. You will also receive an email telling you your video is done.

Animoto is now producing your video

i This will take a little while...
Just so you know, full-length videos take longer to render so your vid could take as long as a couple hours to finish. It will still load here when it's done. ([More info.](#))

1	2	3	4	5	6
initializing video	analyzing images	analyzing music	customizing video	waiting in render queue	rendering video

The image shows a progress bar for Animoto video production. It consists of six numbered steps: 1. initializing video, 2. analyzing images, 3. analyzing music, 4. customizing video, 5. waiting in render queue, and 6. rendering video. The first step is currently active and highlighted in blue, while the others are greyed out. Above the progress bar, there is a message stating 'Animoto is now producing your video' and a warning that full-length videos may take up to a couple of hours to render. A link for 'More info.' is provided.

- Once your video has been produced you are ready to view. The address in your address bar is what you will give so that students can navigate to your video or so you can see videos your students produce. (This will also be emailed to you.) Underneath your video are several options.
 - 1) Remix This Video-This allows you to go in and add more images or change the music track. What is awesome is that a new video is created. So you will have both the new and the old and you can remix as many times as you want.
 - 2) Send This Video To Friends-You can send an email with the link to your video to recipients you select.
 - 3) Post/Embed This Video-If you have a classroom blog you can put all your students' videos there for parents or community members to see.
 - 4) Download This Video-This saves a QuickTime version of your video to your computer.
 - 5) Upload To You Tube- You can upload straight to a You Tube account.
 - 6) Upgrade To DVD Quality-This allows you to purchase Hi-Res copies of your video.
 - 7) Other Features-For special seasons Animoto will give you the option to customize your video. Examples include Valentines, Halloween and Christmas.

