

Animoto Tutorial

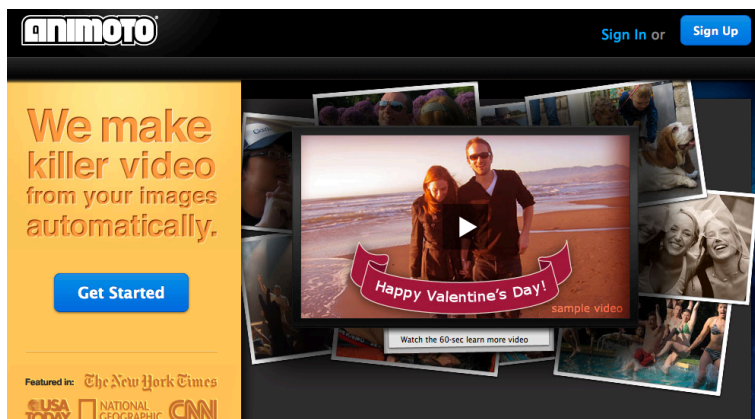


What is Animoto?

It's a web 2.0 tool that allows you/students to create online slideshows with music and audio. While there are several packages available, the free version allows you to make a 30 second video using your own images or images from the web.

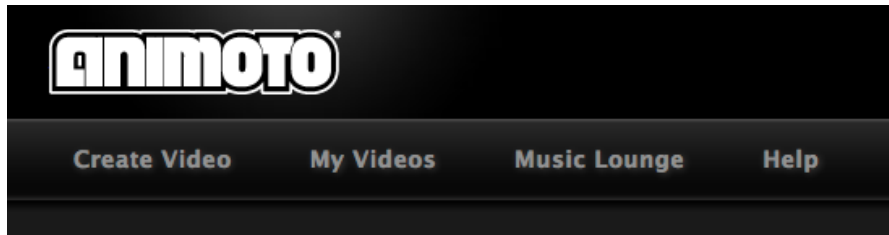
How do I get started?

Go to www.animoto.com and **Register** yourself for a free account.



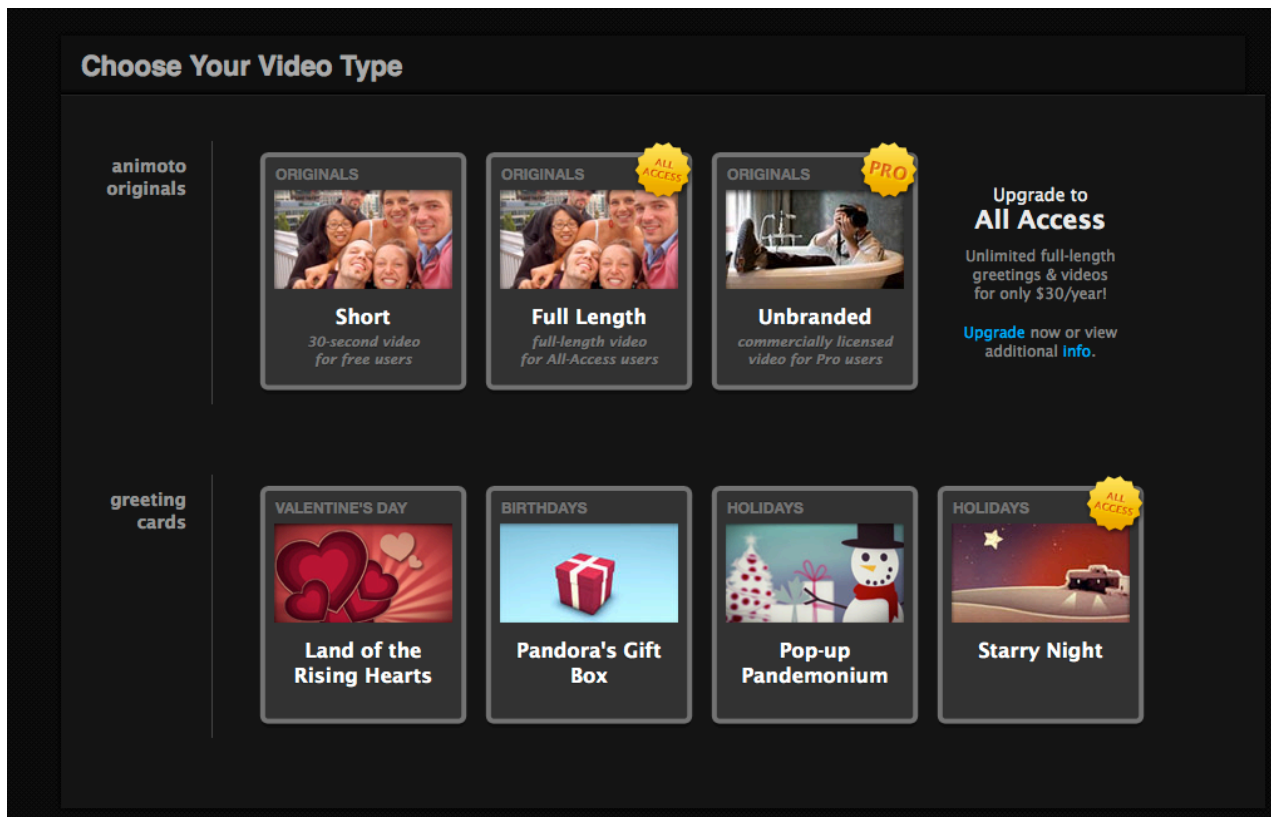
On the registration page you can select your username and password.

The image shows the Animoto registration form. At the top, it says "Please register with us" and "existing user? sign in >". The form is divided into several sections: "Email" with a text input field and the note "We will send your videos to this address."; "Password" with two input fields labeled "password" and "confirm password"; "About You" with fields for "first name", "last name", "country" (a dropdown menu showing "united states"), "zip / postal code", "gender" (radio buttons for "Male" and "Female"), and "date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)". There is also a link "Why do we ask?" next to the "About You" section. At the bottom, there is a "Promo/Referral Code" field with the word "Optional" next to it. At the very bottom, there is a line of small text: "I have read and agree to the terms of service > and privacy policy >." and a blue "Sign Up" button.



Create a Video

After you've signed in, you will see a starting page which lists your previous videos and allows you to create a new one. When you select "Create Video", the program will ask you to select the type among the options shown below. They will usually attempt to sell the upgraded version of animoto but for the free version, simply select "Short".



Three Step Process... Step One: Upload Images

In the first step of actually creating the video, you will need to select your image or video files. If you choose to use videos, be sure they are no longer than a 5 second clip.

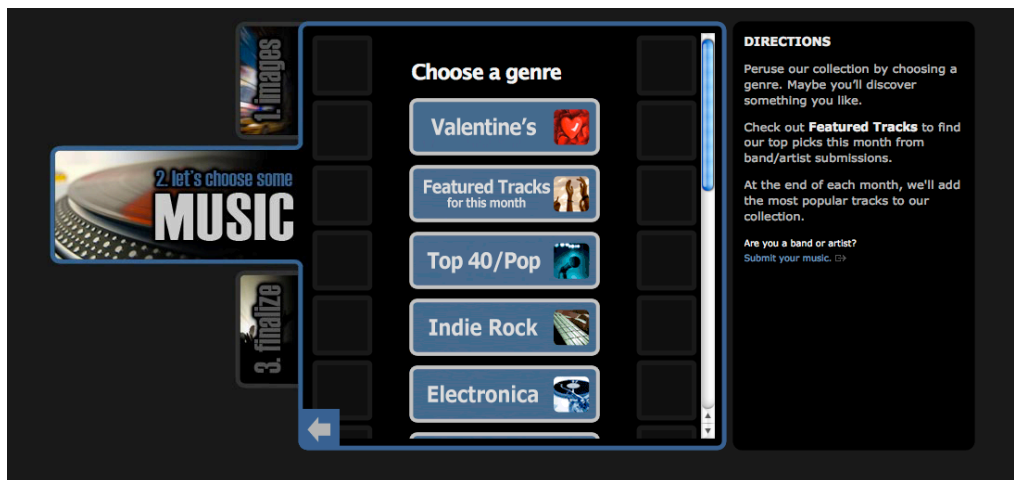


Use your own images by uploading materials or use images from the web or the Animoto library as shown below:



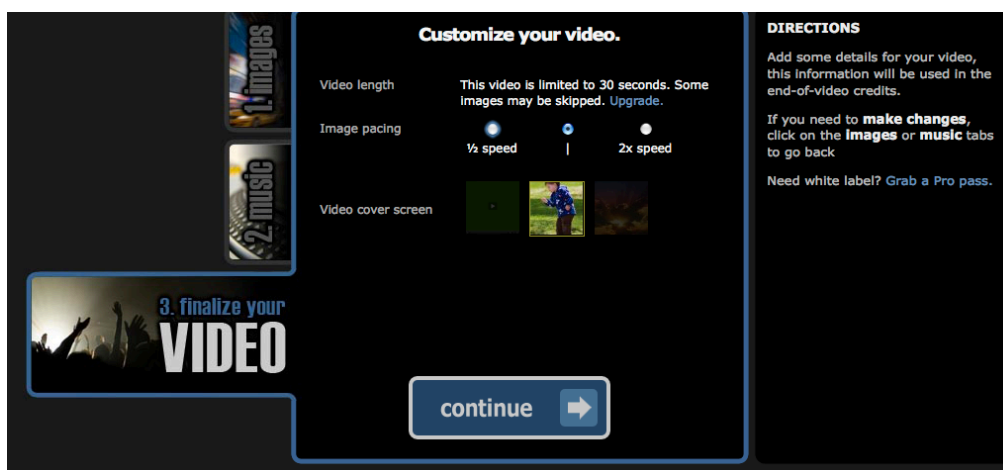
Three Step Process ... Step Two: Music

Again, you may use music from a file on your computer or select among the files provided by Animoto. Either way, the clip will be limited to only the first 30 seconds for the free program.

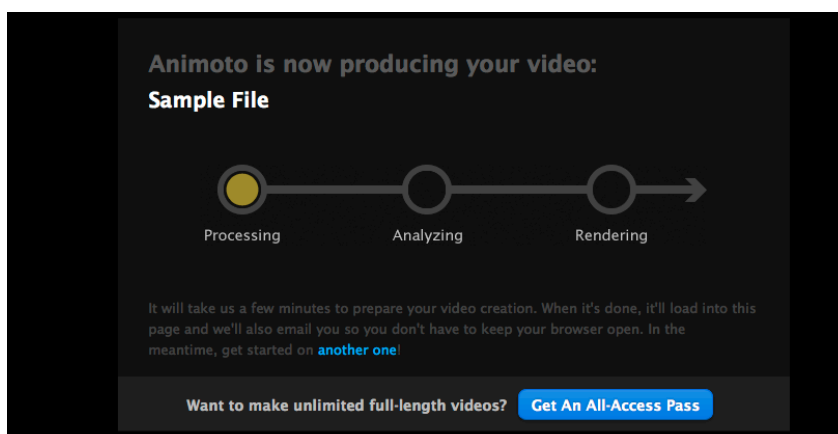


Animoto has a fairly wide selection of free music clips by different genre.

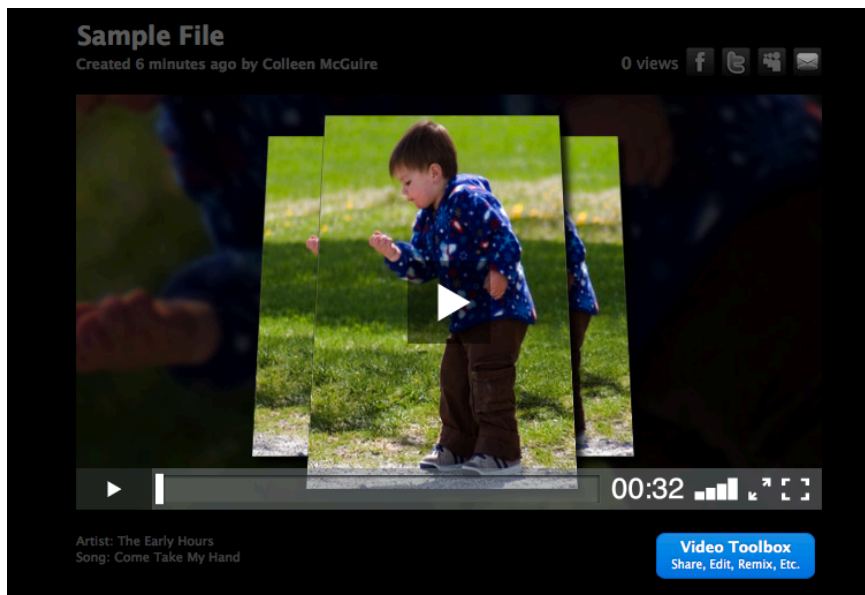
Three Step Process... Step Three: Finalize and Publish



Once you get to the final section you will need to wait a few minutes for the slide show to be generated and recorded. As it works, you'll see this screen:



When completed, the slideshow will come up and be ready to play.



If you click the “Video Toolbox” in the lower right corner, you’ll have the option to share the file by sending emails, copying the link or copying the embed code to place it into your own website.

