



Microsoft Windows Movie Maker

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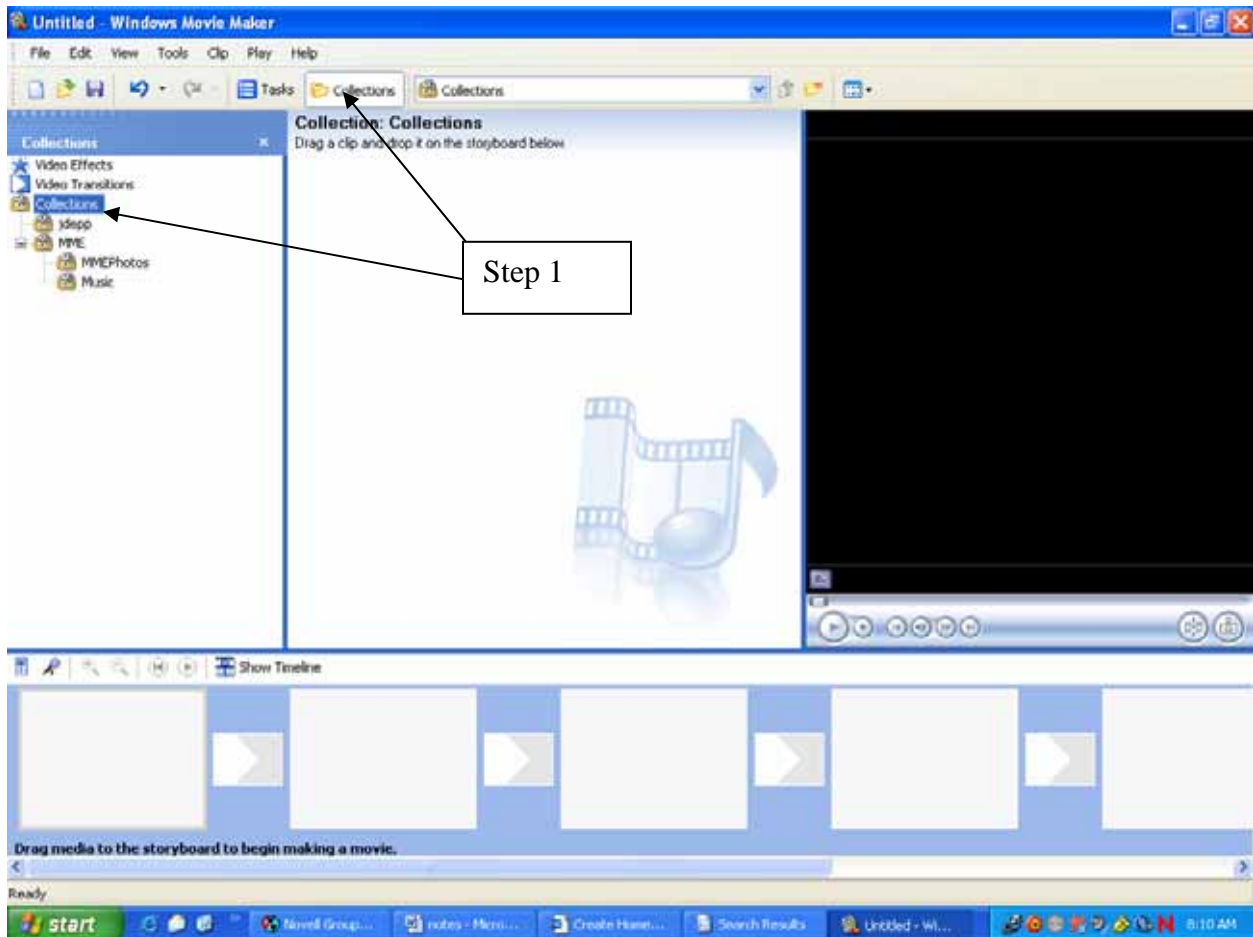
Sources Available on my Wiki:

<http://juliazanglcolby.wikispaces.com/MovieMaking>

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Step 1: Create a New Collection

- Click on the *Collections Icon* on the Toolbar.
 - Right-click on the *Collections folder* and choose New Collection.
- Type a descriptive name. All content for this project should be saved under this folder or subfolder in it. Good idea to create separate subfolders for photos, video, and audio.

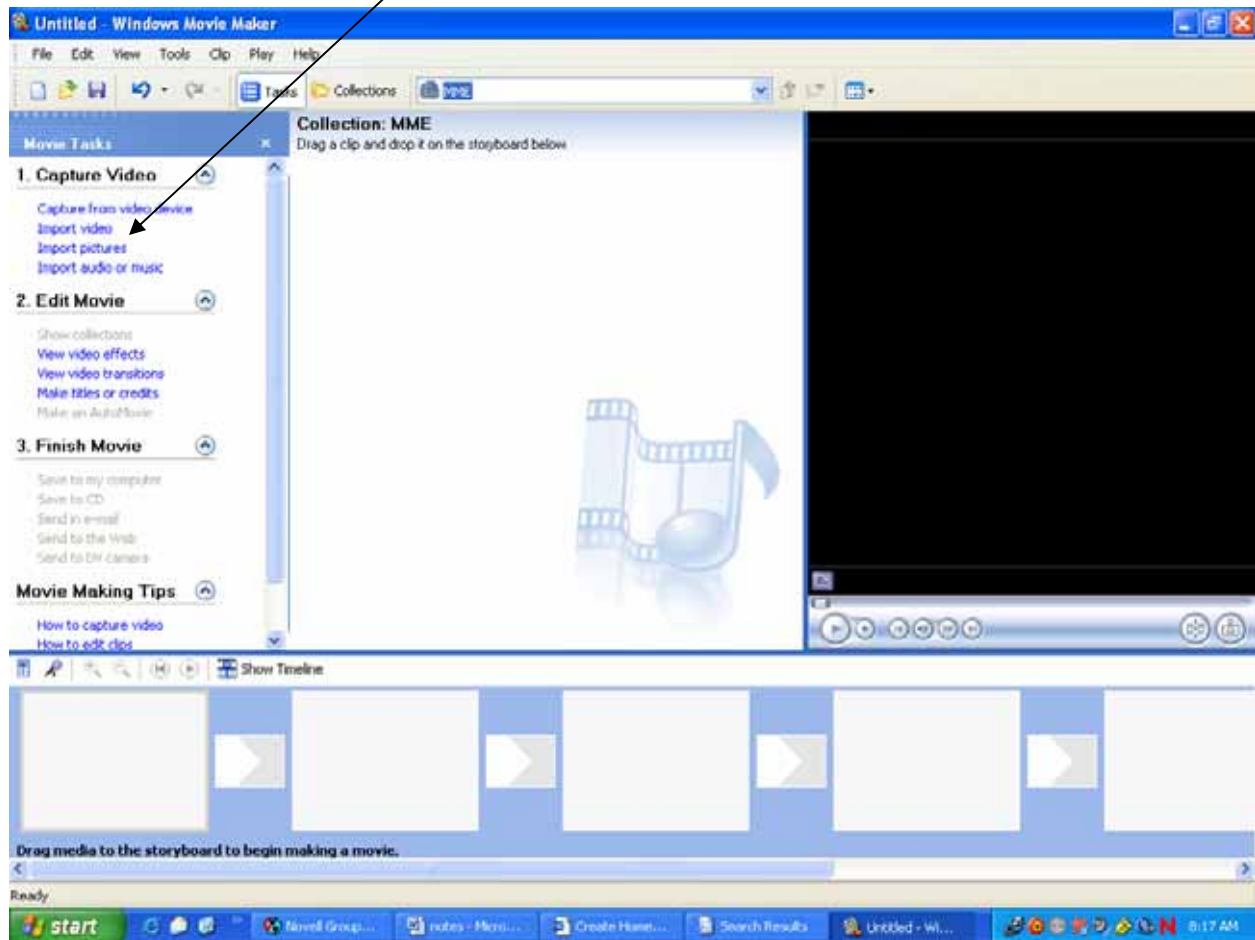


Step 2: Import Pictures

- Click on the **Collections Icon** on the Toolbar.
- Click on the Collection in which you want to store your pictures (the folder you created in Step 1 or a subfolder)
- Click on **File > Import into Collections**
- In the Import File dialog box that appears, navigate to the folder that contains your pictures and select all of the pictures you want to import.
- Click Import.

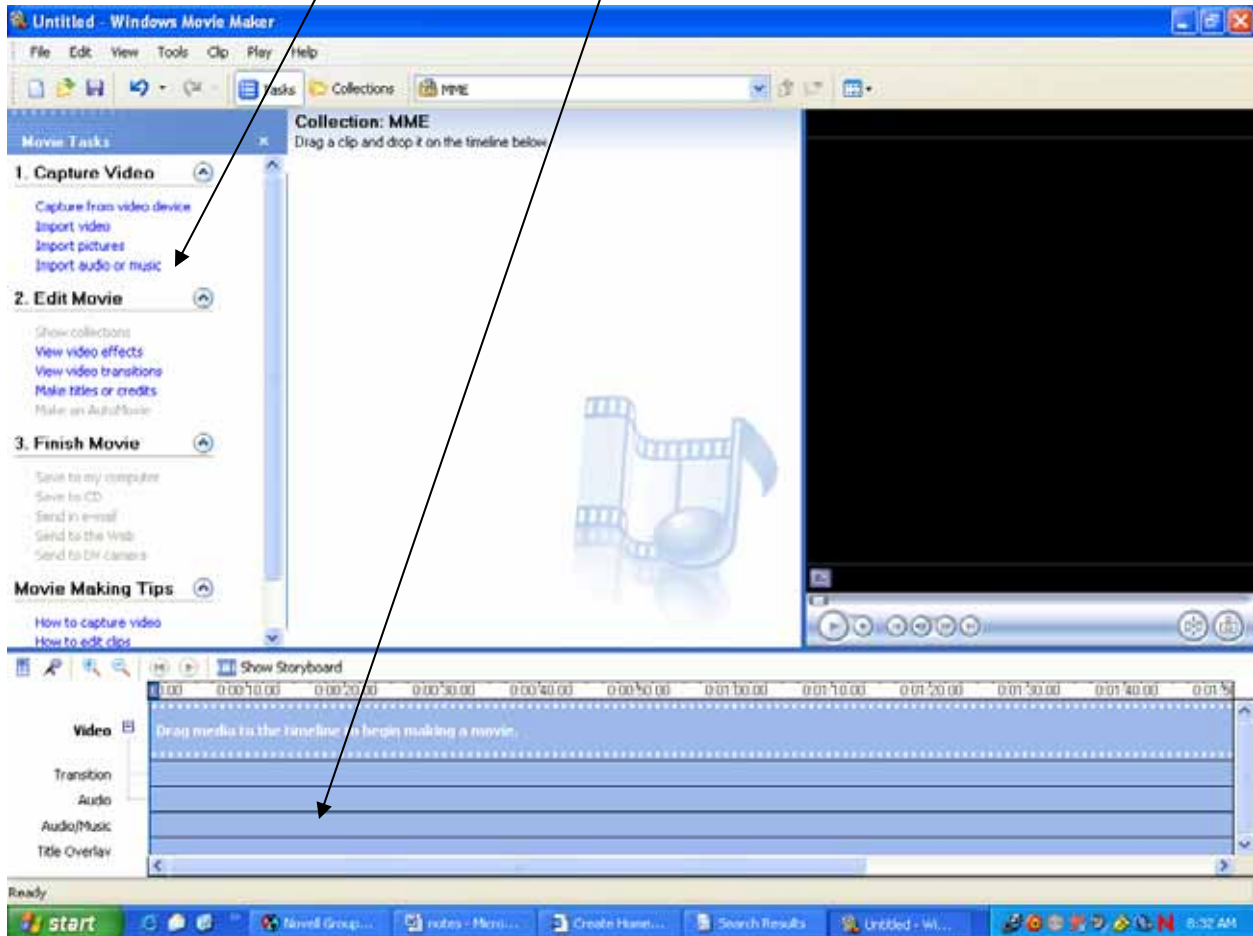
OR

- Click on the Collection in which you want to store your pictures (the folder you created in Step 1 or a subfolder)
- Click on **Tasks Icon** on Toolbar to show Tasks Pane or **View > Tasks Pane**.
- Click on Import Pictures from the Movie Tasks Pane on the left. Navigate to the folder that contains your pictures and select all of the pictures you want to import.



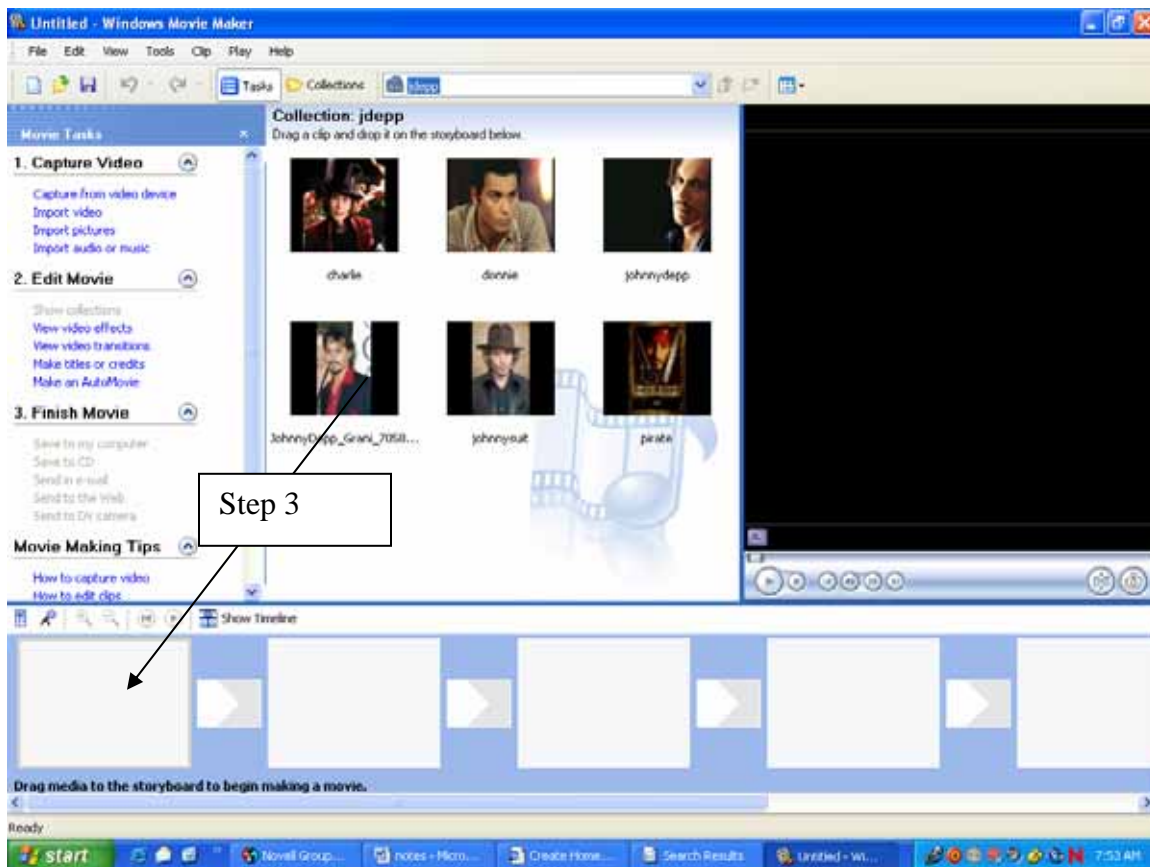
Step 3: Import Audio

- Click on the **Tasks Icon** on the Toolbar.
- In the Taskpane, click on **Import audio or music**
- Navigate to the music track you'd like to add to your movie.
- Click on **Import**.
- The music track will appear in your Collection view.
- Click on **Show Timeline** button in the Storyboard section of your screen.
- Drag your music track to the Audio/Music level of the Timeline.



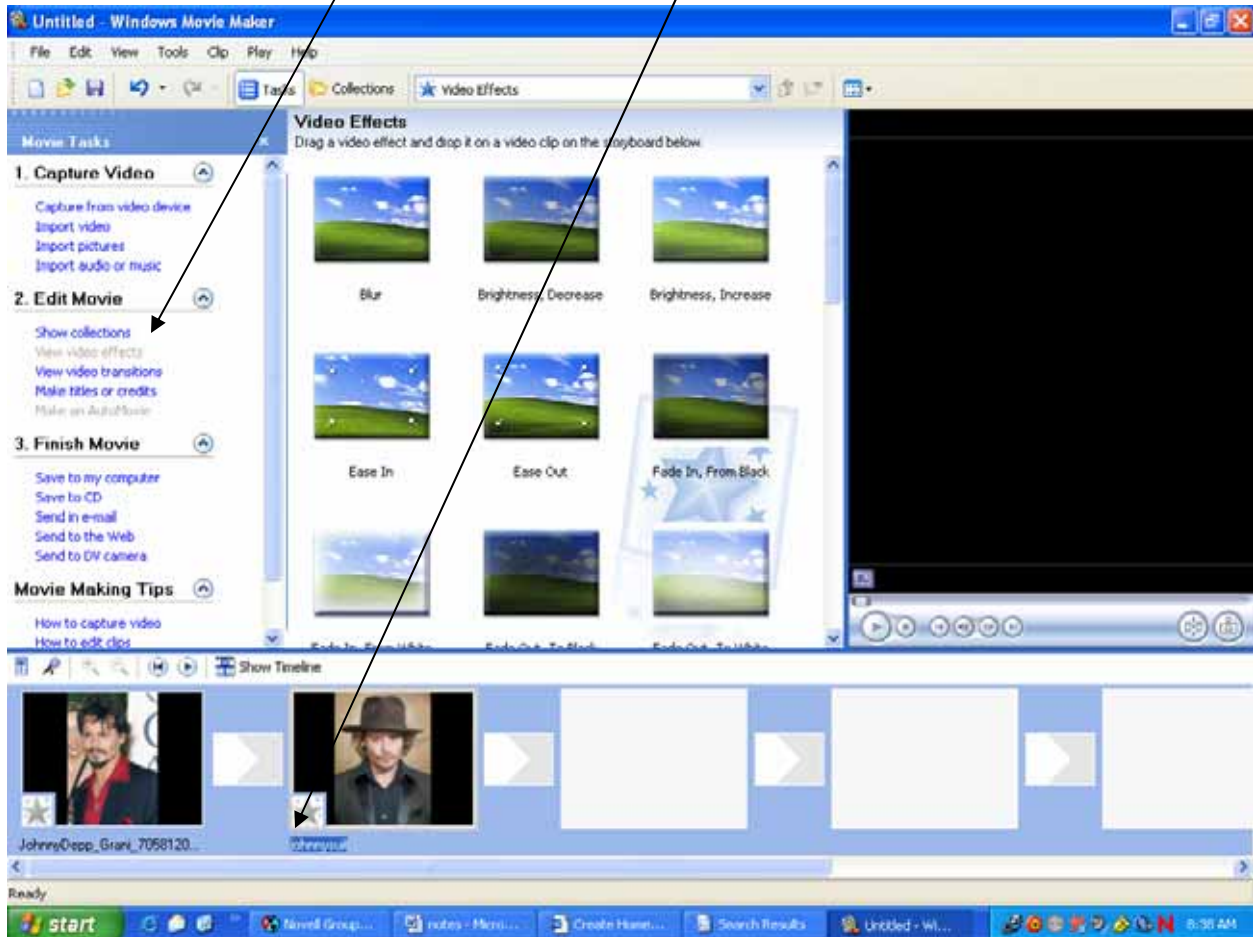
Step 4: Drag your media to the Storyboard

- If you are not in Storyboard view, click *Show Storyboard* at the top left of the Timeline to return to Storyboard view.
- Click a clip in your Collection to select the clip.
- Hold down the mouse button and drag the clip to the first open frame on the Storyboard. Release the mouse button. You have now added a clip to the Storyboard.
- Note: You can insert a clip between two clips by selecting the clip in your collection and then dragging to the desired location.
- Note: To remove a clip from your Storyboard, click on the clip in the Storyboard and press <delete>.



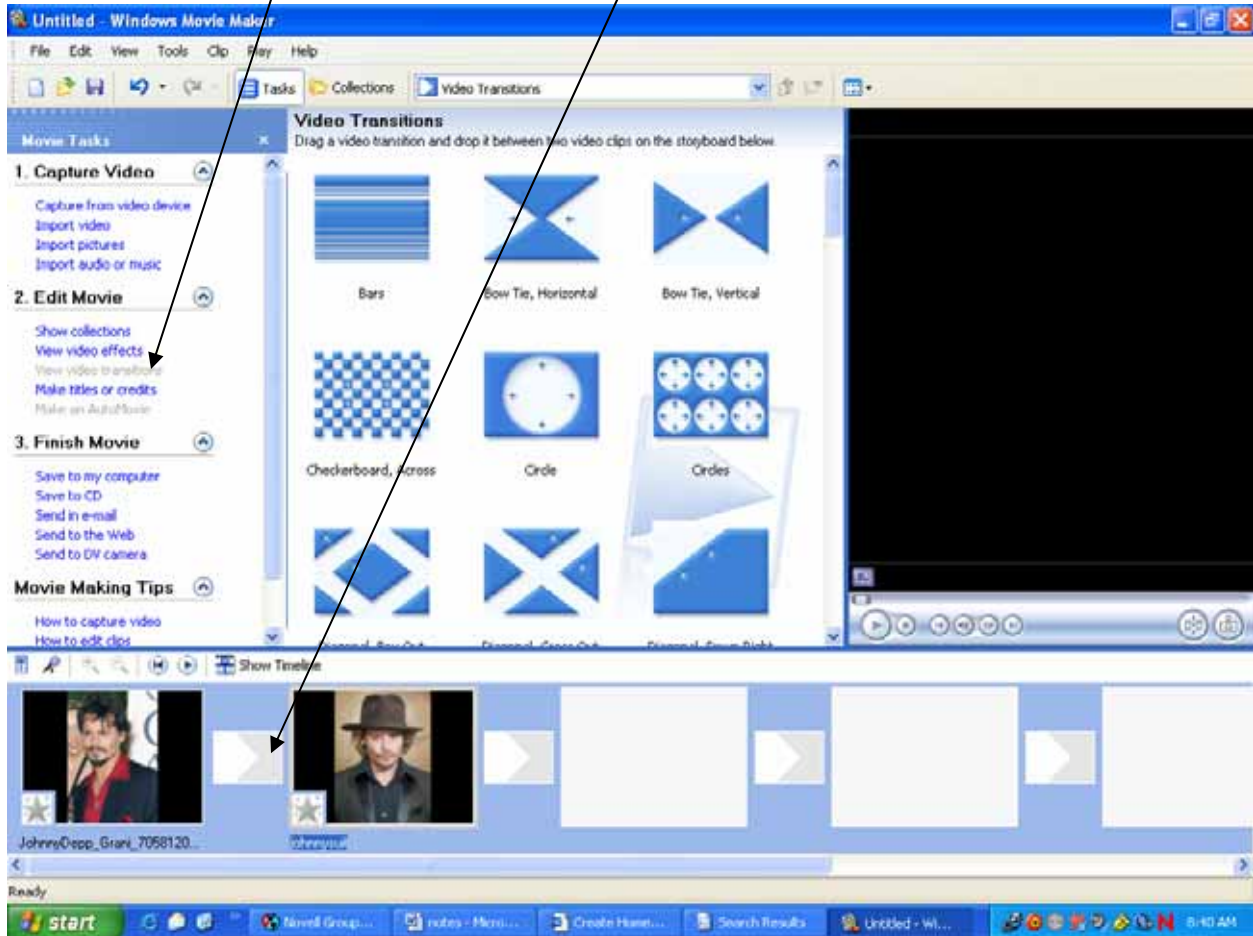
Step 5: Video Effects

- Click on the **Tasks Icon** on the Toolbar.
- Click on **View Video Effects**.
- Select a Video Effect, click and drag the effect to the lower left-hand corner of the clip (designated by a Star).
- To delete the video effect, click on the star and press <delete>.



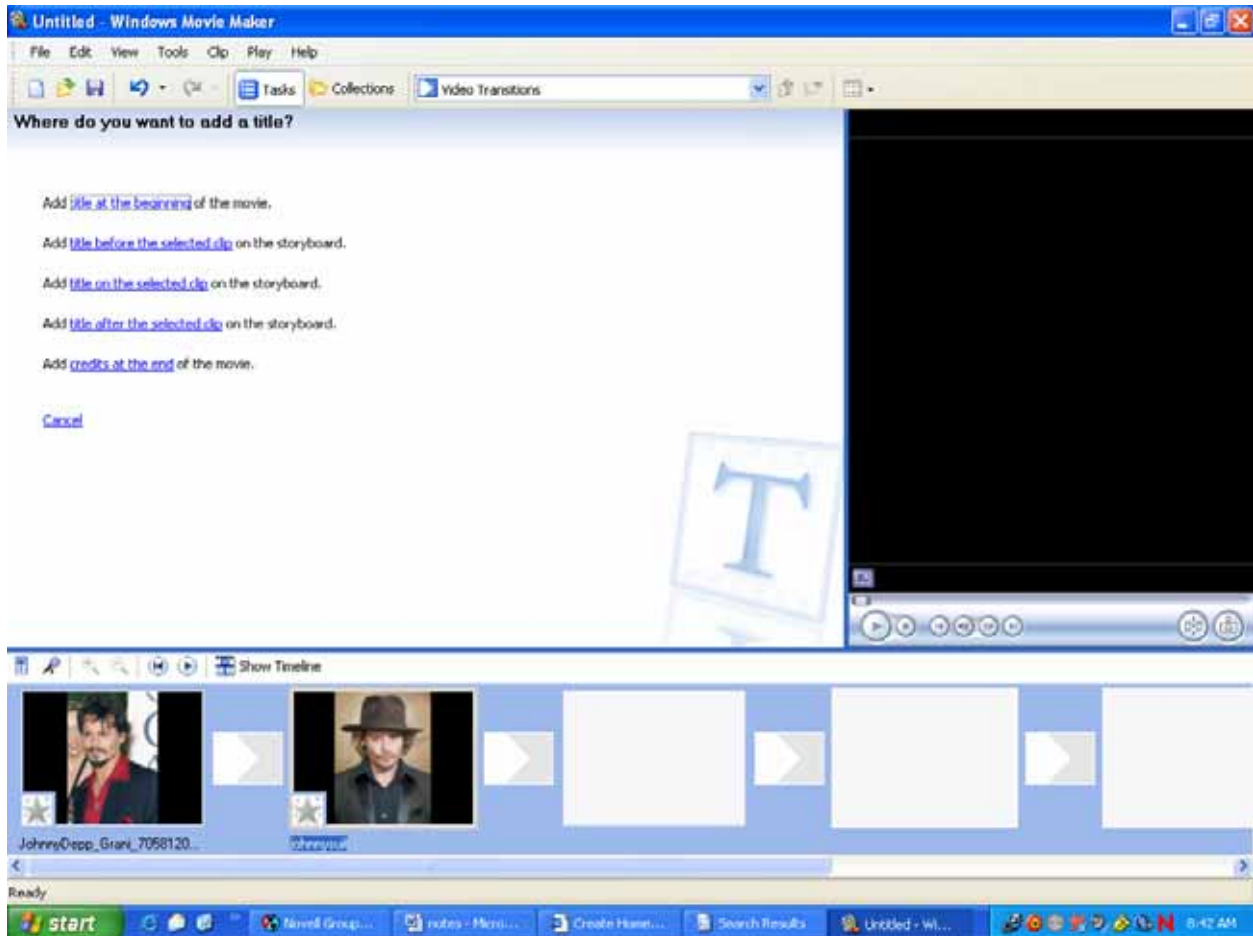
Step 6: Video Transitions

- Click on the **Tasks Icon** on the Toolbar.
- Click on **View Video Transitions**.
- Select a Video Transition, click and drag the effect to the empty box between the two clips.
- To delete the Video Transition, click on the box and press <delete>.



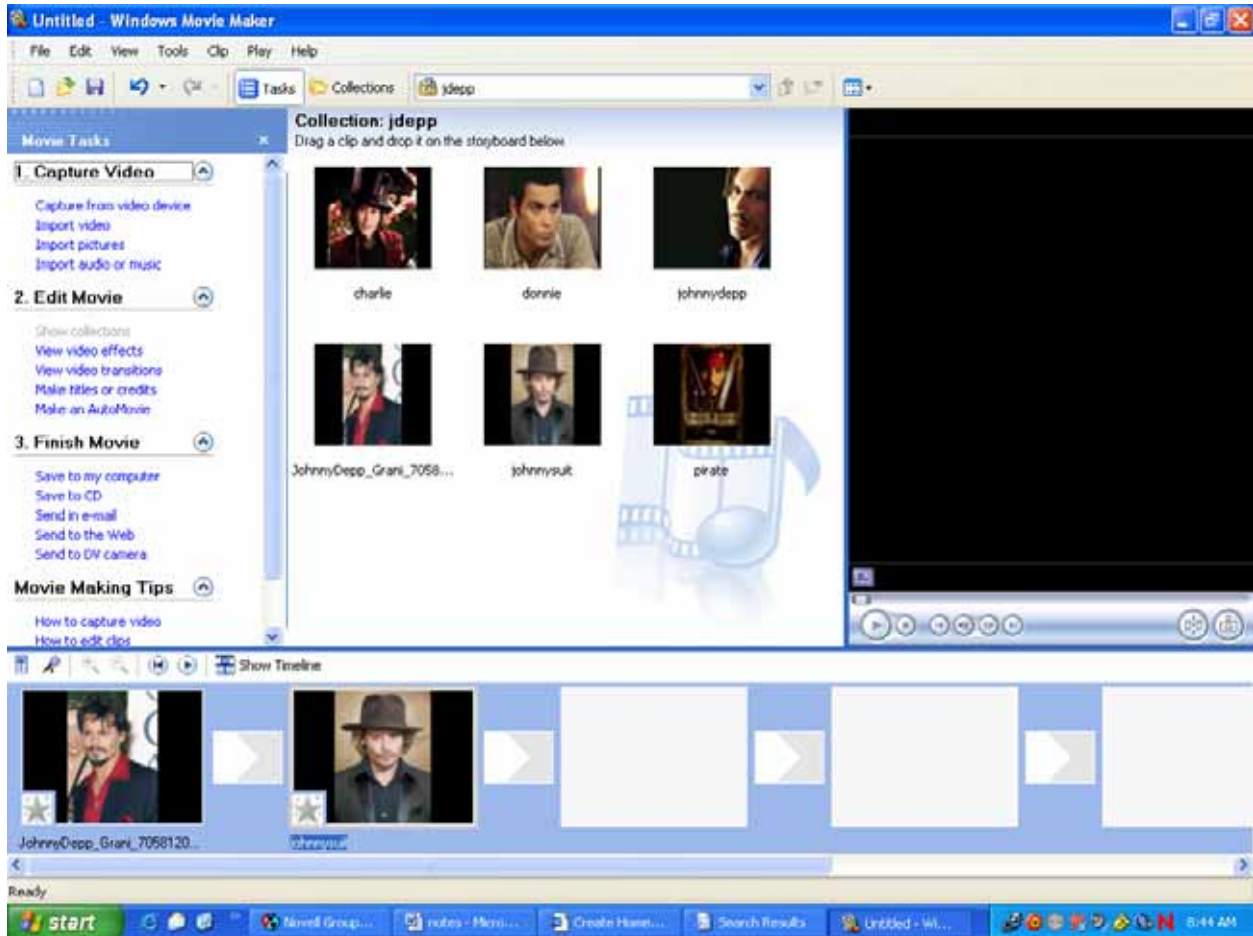
Step 7: Titles or Credits

- Click on the *Tasks Icon* on the Toolbar.
- Click *Make Titles or Credits*. You will get the window shown below.
- Select and click on which title you would like to add – Beginning, Before Clip, After Clip, End.
- When you are in the window to enter your text, make sure you check out the **Title Animation** and the **Text Font and Color**. In Text Font and Color you can change the text color, background color, size of text, font, transparency, and alignment.



Step 8a: Saving Your Movie if you are done with your Movie Project

- Click on the *Tasks Icon* on the Toolbar.
- Click on *Save to My Computer* or *File > Save Movie File*
- After your movie is saved, you can burn it to a CD with a CD burner, burn it to a DVD with a DVD burner, copy it to your memory stick (if your memory stick is large enough).
- Your movie will run with Windows Media Player software so anyone that has a PC running Windows should be able to view your movie on their computer.



Step 8b: Saving Your Project (not finished with your Movie Project yet)

- File > Save Project

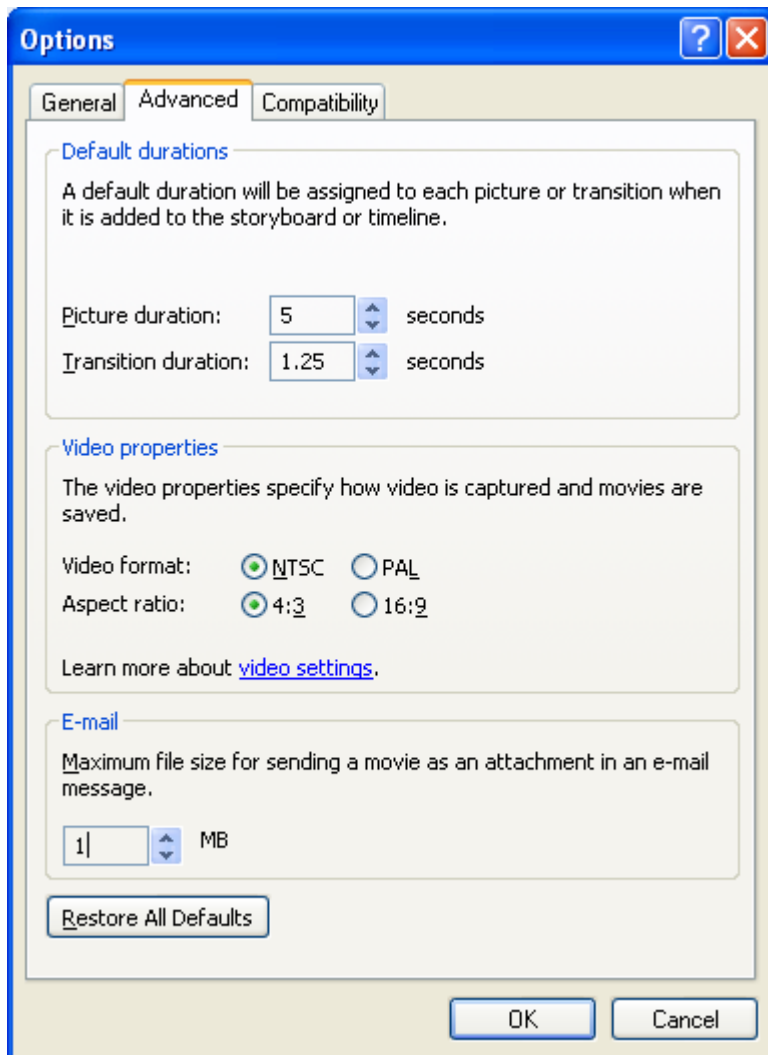
Note:

Your *Project File* is what you work on to get to your final movie product.

It is in your Project File that you add the clips, add the effects, add transitions, insert titles, insert credits, and add audio. If you work on your project and you are not ready to make the movie yet, save your project with the following commands: File > Save Project. Once you save your project and you are happy with it, you can then save your movie file.

Tools > Options > Advanced tab

Advanced tab lets you set the default options for advanced settings and options in Movie Maker.



Picture duration

Default amount of time you want pictures to display in your project. The default duration is determined by the current setting when the clip is added to the storyboard/timeline. For example, if you imported several pictures and then added them to the storyboard/timeline with the **Picture duration** option set to five seconds, the pictures added to the Video track would display for five seconds. However, if you changed the default duration to 10 seconds and then added pictures to the storyboard/timeline, the newly added pictures would display for 10 seconds.

Transition duration

Default amount of time you want video transitions to display in your project and final saved movie. The default duration for video transitions is also determined by the current setting when the clip is added to the storyboard/timeline.

Video format

Specifies the video format that is used when recording a movie back to tape. The format you choose determines the video format used by your DV camera, which varies by country or region. The selected video format is used when the movie is sent to tape in your DV camera if Windows Movie Maker cannot automatically detect the video format for your DV camera. This setting is automatically set based on the Regional and Language Option settings in Control Panel.

The current video format also determines whether either the NTSC or PAL settings are displayed when capturing video or saving movies after selecting the **Other settings** option for either task. For more information about the video format used by your DV camera, consult the documentation provided with your DV camera.

Aspect ratio

Aspect ratio for your saved movies. The setting you choose determines the aspect ratio, which is the relation of the width to the height, of the video display for your final saved movie. If you select **16:9**, the settings you can choose from when saving a movie include settings that have a width to height ratio of 16:9. If you select **4:3** as the aspect ratio, the settings you can choose from include profiles that have a width to height ratio of 4:3. Video converted between the two aspect ratios may cause the final saved movie to appear distorted during playback.

Maximum file size for sending a movie as an attachment in an e-mail message

Specifies the maximum file size for sending a movie as an attachment in an e-mail message. You can set this option according to any attachment file size limits that may be set by your e-mail provider. Windows Movie Maker then automatically selects the best movie setting based on the duration and content on the storyboard/timeline and the file size limit you enter.

Because many e-mail providers have attachment file size limits, you can set this value to the file size limit of your e-mail provider. Windows Movie Maker displays a warning if the movie you are saving exceeds the file size limit that is set when you choose the **E-mail** saving option in the Save Movie Wizard.

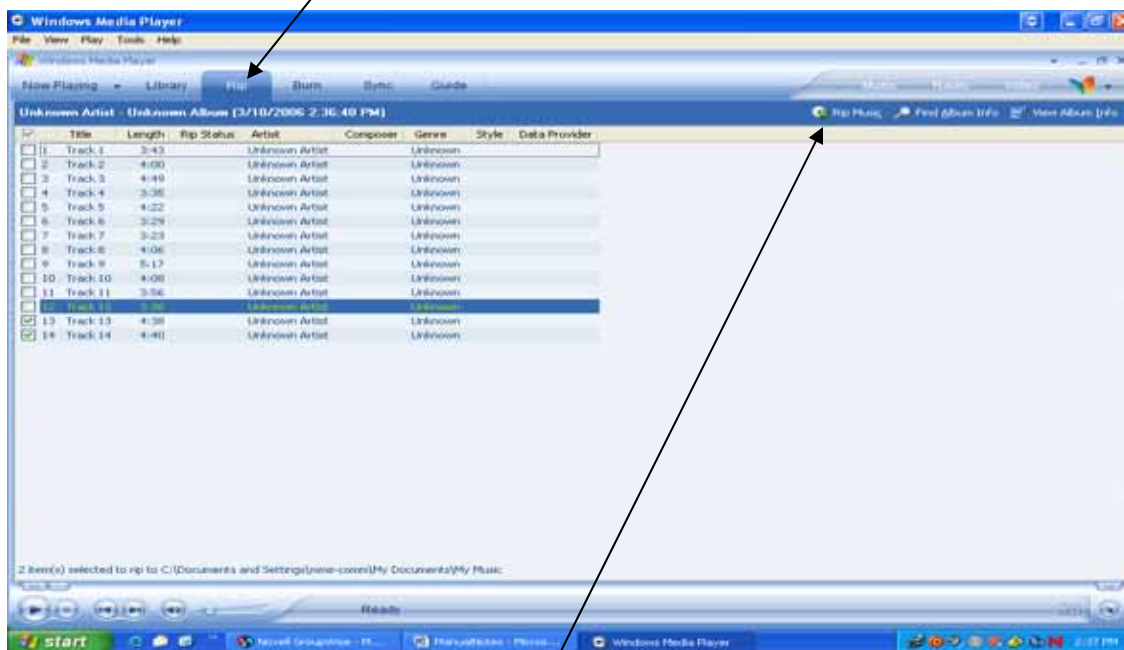
Restore All Defaults

Click this button to return Windows Movie Maker to the default settings for options and settings displayed on the **Advanced** tab. For example, if you selected a new default duration for pictures and video transitions, and later decided that you wanted to change these setting back to the defaults, along with other options displayed on the **Advanced** tab, you can click this button to return to the default settings for this tab.

“Ripping” Music from a CD to your Computer



- Open Microsoft Windows Media Player
Start > All Programs > Windows Media Player
- Click on RIP Tab
You will get the following window:



- Put a check in the box for the tracks you want to download.
(Example above selects Track 13 and 14)
- Click on Rip Music (upper right-hand corner)
Your tracks will be copied to a folder within My Documents > My Music.
There should be a folder created for the album.
Tracks will be stored in that folder.

Please be aware that music files take up a significant amount of hard drive space so please be careful as to how much music you download to your home computers. Please do not download entire albums to your school computer. Only download the songs you need for your movie.

Movie Maker Tutorials

Atomic Learning Free Tutorial on Movie Maker:

<http://movies.atomiclearning.com/k12/moviemaker2>

Microsoft Tutorial from Start to Finish on Movie Maker:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/moviemaker/default.mspx>

Excellent Handout/Tutorial in PDF format which can be downloaded (29 pages):

<http://backend.teachingmatters.org/?q=node/519>

http://www.atschool.org/digidocs/printable/mm_full.pdf

Movie Maker Tips and Tricks:

<http://www.mightycoach.com/articles/mm2/index.html>

Microsoft Windows Movie Maker Tips, Tutorials, Forums, and More...

<http://www.windowsmoviemakers.net/>

Microsoft Photo Story Tips, Tutorials, Forums, and More...

<http://www.windowsmoviemakers.net/PhotoStory3/Index.aspx>

Information on File Formats used in Microsoft Movie Maker:

http://www.windowsmoviemakers.net/PapaJohn/File_Formats_And_Movie_Maker_2.aspx