



Next Vista for Learning - Contributing Material

Got an insight on some topic you are willing to share? We require you to follow just a few rules, so please keep the following in mind as you begin planning your piece.

Videos should be no longer than five minutes.

The reason for this is three-fold. First, we don't want files so large that people have to wait too long when downloading them. Second, these videos are designed to introduce concepts, and not replace an entire lesson. Third, there is only so much attention span most viewers will have! If putting together a piece for either the Global Views or Seeing Service collections, going a little over the five-minute mark is okay.

Remember that the piece should focus on the basics for any given topic - what it is, to what it connects, why it is important, and what you find interesting about it. If you think your topic can't be introduced in less than five minutes, it is probably possible to break the presentation into two or more sub-topics.

Videos must contain no copyrighted material.

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Release forms are necessary for the creator and anyone identifiable in the video.

Request release forms by e-mail via info@nextvista.org.

Video content should be both accurate and appropriate for young viewers.

Remember that some of the viewers could be students in elementary grades. Also, as with any material you might publish, you should credit any sources from which you gather quotes, statistics, research, or similar.

Files can be in any format, though Next Vista prefers common file types, such as QuickTime and Windows Media formats. Follow these steps:

1. Upload your edited piece to the web. You may also mail it to us on CD or miniDV to the address below. A third option, if the file is smaller than 100MB, is to send it for free via YouSendIt.com (visit their site for instructions on how to use their simple service).
2. E-mail Next Vista (info@nextvista.org) with your name, your location, and the language, length, and description of the video. Add as attachments any necessary release forms.
3. Next Vista will review the video and contact you to let you know it has been added to the site or with additional questions.

If you have any questions, contact Next Vista at info@nextvista.org.