FINDING MEDIA ON THE WEB

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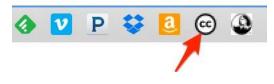
I've put a star next to sites I've used and liked. This list is constantly changing. If you find a great site to add, please send the info to anne.aronson@metrostate.edu.

START HERE, ESPECIALLY FOR IMAGES

Creative Commons search page (http://search.creativecommons.org/)
A recommended first stop.

- You can search a number of different sites this way (e.g., Flickr, Google Images, Wikimedia, Pixabay, YouTube, Jamendo).
- You have to search one database at a time.
- Note that on the top righthand corner of the Creative Commons search page you can check "use for commercial purposes" and "modify, adapt, or build upon." It's likely that you will want to leave both of these unchecked.
- Once you find an image, check to see what the license is. In most cases, you will need only to provide an attribution, but be sure to check.
- I put a link to this page in the bookmark toolbar that runs at the top of my browser because I use it all the time.

IMAGES

***The Commons:** This site is a collaboration between Flickr and the Library of Congress. It is a wonderful collection of historical images. However, you have to check if any rights are reserved.

***Pixabay**: 550,000 free high quality images, video and art work. In most cases, no attribution required.

***Pexels**: Similar to Pixabay in that no attribution is required. All items are under the creative commons "0" license (CC0).

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***Unsplash:** 200,000 free photos.

everystockphoto: A stock photo search engine. Allows you to search imagers by license type – click advanced search and select the license type by which you want your results filtered. This search engine includes several sites from this list.

Library of Congress: American Memory: Type your subject into the search field or click **More browse options** to browse by topic or by media (motion pictures, photos, etc.). After executing a search, click **Gallery View** at the bottom of the results page to preview thumbnails.

Morguefile These are stock photo type images that you are free to use. In most cases, you may not even need to provide attribution.

Minnesota Reflections: This site provides thousands of images and documents from Minnesota, including many historical items. Many images can be used without any copyright requirements.

U.S. Government Photos and Images: Be sure to check copyright information for images from this site.

Creative Market: Photos, backgrounds, textures, templates, and other graphic elements for sale for a nominal fee. Many of the photos are $2-$4. This is a great way to support freelance artists.

Europeana Photography: A vast collection of archival photos from European photographers.

New York Public Library: Another vast collection.

Metropolitan Museum of Art: Here's a great way to spend an afternoon. Go to the Met's general collection and click on the filter (left side of page) for "Public Domain." The National Gallery and other museums have open access to their works in the public domain.

Noun Project: If you like icons, this is the place to start. Zillions of icons are available and the search function is excellent. You can subscribe to the site, pay for each icon download, or include attribution.

AUDIO

First, check to see if your video editing program has a built-in music library. WeVideo has a decent built-in library.

***Jamendo**: Large collection of royalty free, creative commons music. License information can be found at the bottom of the track/album page.

Incompetech: The clips are sorted by style of music and by "feel"—e.g., Eager, Mystical, etc. This makes it easier to find something for the effect you want in your digital story.

***YouTube Audio Library:** Excellent selection of acoustic tracks for use as background music in videos.

***Vimeo Music Store:** Some are free, some can be purchased for a couple of dollars.

***Bensound**: Not a huge selection, but some good tracks.

Free Music Archive: Archive of free, legal audio downloads. Check licensing information provided in right-hand column of artist/track/album page to check specific user rights.

***Pond5**: You buy the track (I've seen them up to $40) and have full, legal use of it. I like the selection. A similar site is **StoryBlocks.**

***EpidemicSound**: You have to pay for the tracks, but it's an excellent selection. I believe there's a 30-day trial as well.

Musopen: Sheet music and recordings of public domain songs. You need to create a user profile in order to download. May be particularly useful for getting classical music without copyright restrictions.

Sound Bible - Sound effects: Free sound effects of nature and urban environments.

***Free Sound**: Creative Commons-licensed sound effects, so they're free, but you should double-check the license associated with each sound to see specific user rights. You have to log in to download.

Mobygratis: The artist Moby has made 150 of his tracks available for free.

VIDEO

***YouTube**: Go through the **Creative Commons search page.** Or, do a search in YouTube and then add a Creative Commons filter. You can only do this after you have some results for your search.

***Vimeo**: Do a search in Vimeo and then use the filters on the left side to limit the results to Creative Commons. It may be easier to *download* videos from Vimeo than YouTube.

***Internet Archive**: This is a large resource for video and audio, as well as texts that are free to the public. I haven't used this site, so I'm not sure what it can or cannot do, but it's worth checking out.

Open Video Project: A collection of free videos, including educational, documentary, and ephemeral videos.

Pixabay: Free, high quality video. Usually doesn't require attribution.

***Pond5**: You buy the footage (it can cost over $100) and have full, legal use of it.

Public Domain Project: This is offered by Pond5 and includes archival footage.