

# Photo Story Instructions

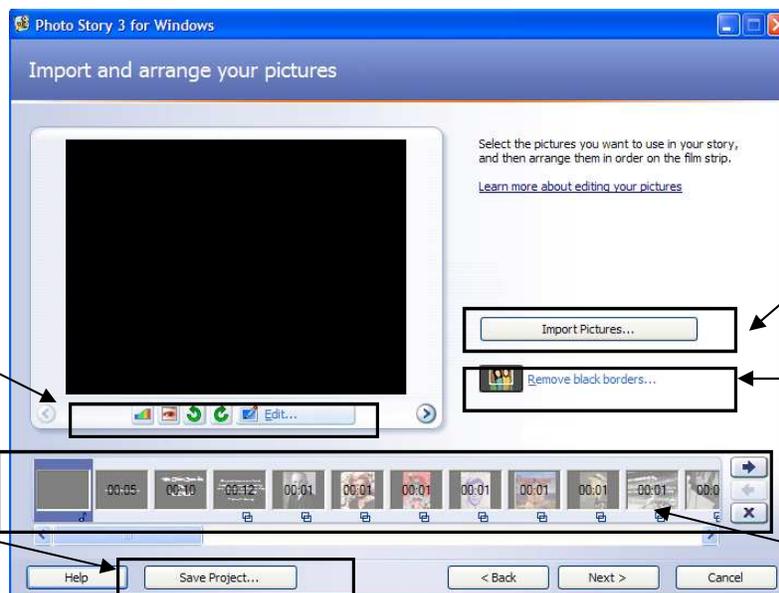
## Getting Started



If you are starting a new story, click on **Begin a new story**.

If you are editing a previous project, click on **Edit a project**. Then click **Next**.

## Importing your Pictures



Click on **Import Pictures** to select your photos.

Once your pictures are imported, you can edit (remove red-eye, rotate, etc.) using the icons on the embedded screen. Then click **Next**.

## CAPTIONS



Add your captions in the text box above. You can change the font, color, and position of the text using the icons above the text box. Use the arrows on the embedded screen to go to the next picture or click on the picture in the timeline.

The **Effect** drop-down menu allows you to manipulate the colors of your pictures.

Then click **Next**.

## NARRATION



If you have a microphone installed on your computer, you can narrate each page of your story. Just click on the red record button and start talking.

Click on **Customize Motion** to start adding special effects to your story.

## MOTION & DURATION

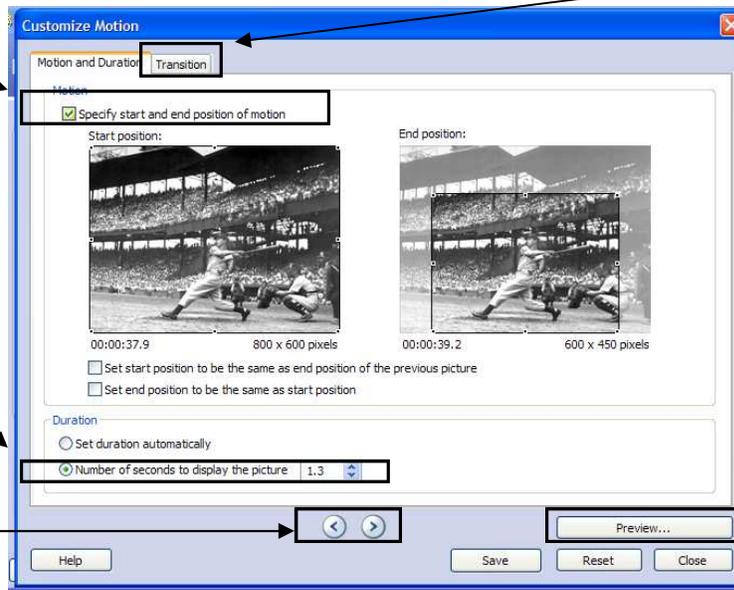
Check this box to specify the motion of your pictures

Set each slide's duration

Use these arrows to progress from one slide to the next

Click on the **Transition** tab when you're done to go the next

The **Preview** button will help you determine if you need to add time on the slides.



You can bring your pictures to life by having them start in one spot and zoom in or out, even pan from one side to the other. Check the box that reads **Specify start and end position of motion**. You also need to decide how long you want each picture to be displayed. The default is 5 seconds. To change the duration times, click on the button that reads **Number of seconds to display the picture**, then enter the desired time.

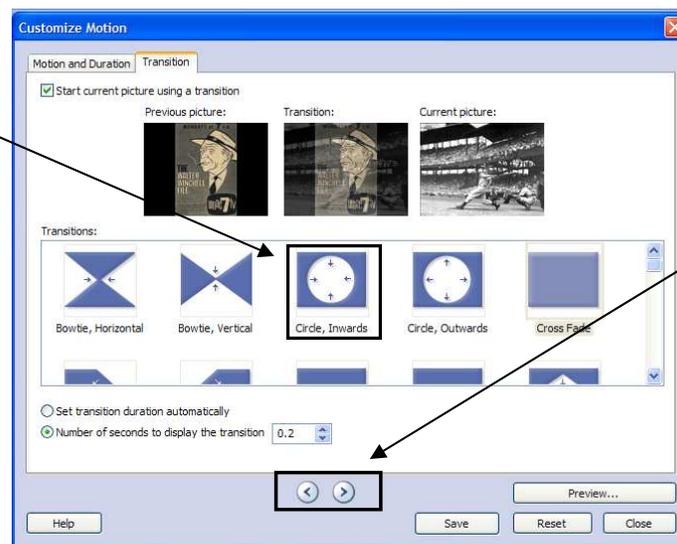
Use the < or > arrows to advance to the next picture. A "Save" message will pop up after you click on the arrows. Click **Yes** to save.

When you're done, click on the **Transition** tab at the top of the window.

## TRANSITIONS

Click on the desired transition style. You can preview it on the screens above.

Use these arrows to progress from one slide to the next



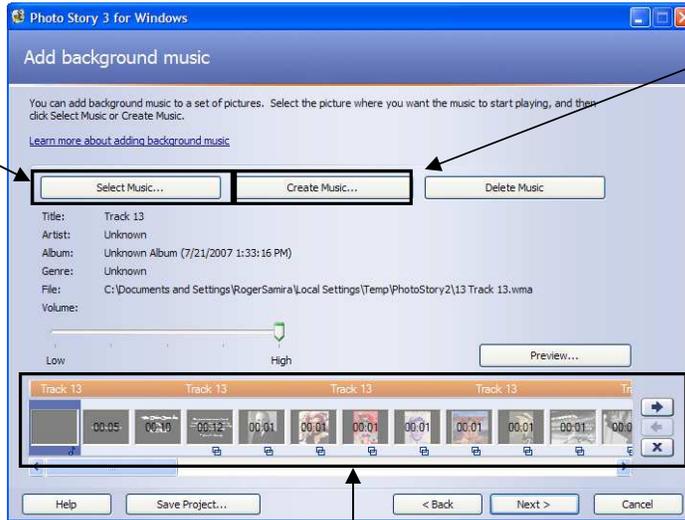
Select the transition effect for each picture. You can also have the option to set the duration time. A "Save" message will pop-up after you click on the arrows. Click **Yes** to save.

When you're done, click **Close**.

Then click **Next**.

# MUSIC

Click on **Select Music** to use a song that is on a CD or saved on your computer



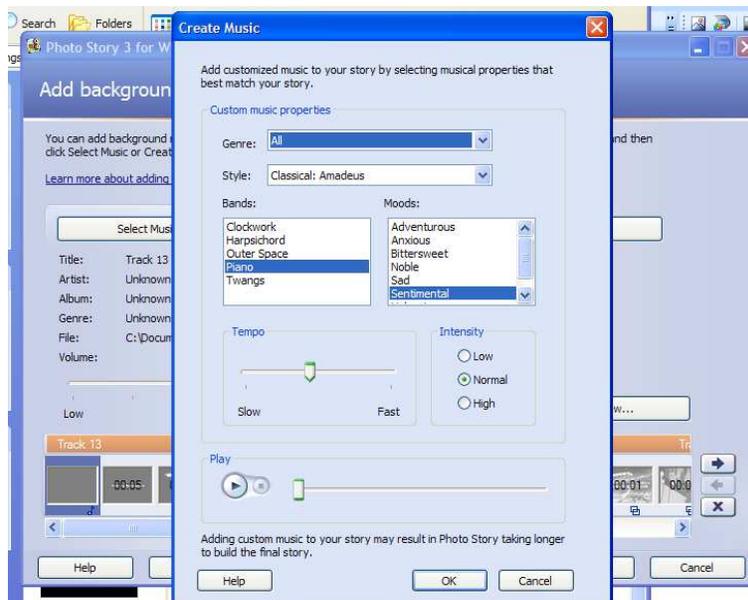
Click on **Create Music** to use the pre-installed background music. See the next page for more information about Creating Music.

To choose multiple songs, in **Add Background Music**, click on the picture where you want the new song to start and repeat the steps. You can do this as many times as you'd like.

You have the option of using your own music by clicking on **Select Music** and choosing a song from a CD or one that is saved on your computer. Files must be in WMA, MP3, or WAV formats.

If you have a file that is not in the above formats, you can convert it by following these steps. Burn the song(s) onto a CD. Use Windows Media Player to Rip the music onto your computer. (Ripping music with Windows Media Player converts the song to the appropriate format.) Then, in Photo Story, select the song from this new location.

# PRE-INSTALLED MUSIC



You can select **Genres** like Classical, Country, New Age, Pop and many others.

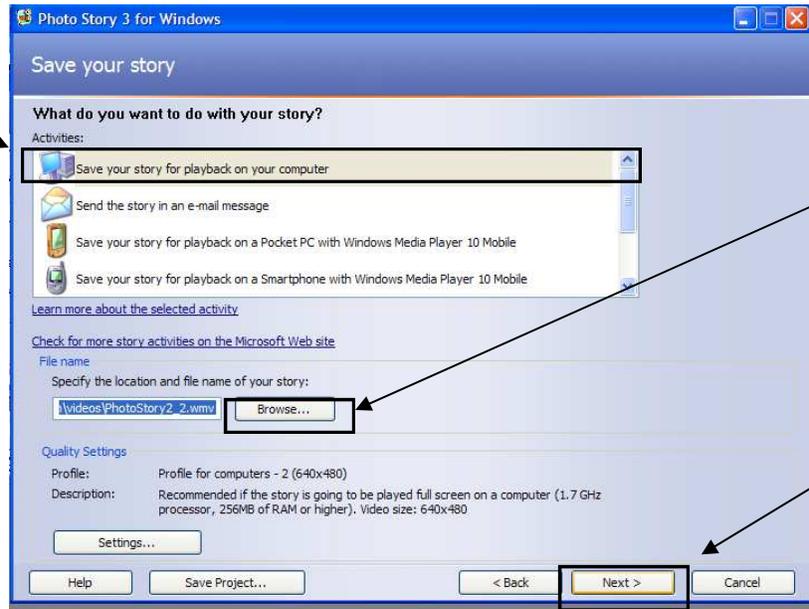
In **Styles**, you can choose different songs.

You can even choose the **Mood** of the music, or the type of instrument used under **Bands**,

All of the music here is instrumental.

## SAVING

Save your project as a movie



Indicate where you want your movie saved

Click next when you are ready to save

There are two different ways to save.

### 1. Save Project

This option simply saves the Photo Story file which will allow you to go back and edit the project at a later time.

### 2. Save your story for playback on your computer

This option saves your project as a movie file (.wmv). Click **Browse** to choose the location where you want your movie saved (default is the **My Videos** folder on your computer).

The saving will start once you click **Next**. It will take a while to go through each step, especially if you have more than one song chosen.

## PLAYBACK



Once your movie is finished saving, you can view your finished movie by clicking on **View your story**. You can also view your movie by locating the file (file extension should be .wmv) on your computer and double-clicking on it.