

AUDIO COMPOSITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

	Description	Advantages	Main Disadvantages	Technical Problems	Fix
Audacity	Multi-Track Audio Recording and Editing software	Freeware from http://audacity.sourceforge.net/ that students can download and install on their personal computers. Fairly easy to use "if" student reads /follows tutorials	Different versions of Audacity not backwards compatible.		Students can use "AUDACITY PORTABLE" ver 1.2.6. It's available at: http://portableapps.com/apps/music_video/audacity_portable Must use same version or later version. Best to work on same computer for entire project.
			Can't open and use WMA format audio files in Audacity. This is format for many Digital Voice Recorders, like many Olympus DVR models.		Use "free" Jodix WMA to MP3 converter to convert format. Download free converter from: http://jodix.com
				Extremely large amount of disk space required while the project is open. Student may run out of space if trying to use a Jump Drive to hold their open project while working on it.	Students should save the "Project" to the Computer's hard drive while working on the project. After "closing" the Audacity project, move it to a Jump Drive since the size of the project will be reduced.
				Students don't always know the difference between the "Project" file and the exported audio file. Sometimes turn in a project file instead of the audio file.	Make sure students understand that these are different types of files.
				Students only save the "Project" file. Then can't reopen their project to continue editing because audio files are missing.	Must keep both the project and the related project files folder to reopen a project.
				Audio files (like music) that have been trimmed in the project cannot be restored to their original length.	No fix except starting over using original file