

Step-By-Guide for using Adobe Spark

“Adobe Spark is the Integrated web and mobile solution that enables everyone, especially teachers and their students, to easily create and share impactful visual stories.” *from the Spark EDU implementation guide*

Contact the Learning Technologies Team to set up your Adobe Spark account. ltt@truman.edu
Once you have your ID, point your browser to <https://spark.adobe.com/> and log-in!

1. Click the big, blue + icon to get started
2. From the drop down menu, choose **Video**
3. Because Spark is designed to be super user-friendly, follow the on-screen instructions to get started, or click **Skip**
4. Select a template option (that is fully customizable), or click **Start from scratch**

Note - Even if you continue to choose the *I'll do it all myself*-type options, Adobe Spark will offer tips and guidelines to ensure you wind up with a successful project.

5. Look over the interface, note the following elements:
 - a. The main “canvas” with a + sign in the middle - this is how you’ll add your content! Choose from imported video or pictures, or text boxes and icons
 - b. A microphone on the canvas lower edge to record narration if desired
 - c. The “timeline” below the canvas with a + sign to add more panels to your project
 - d. The “customizer” tools in the upper right corner - you’ll use these to change panel layout, theme (including color and style), a re-sizer, and a music option where you can turn off a background track, or choose from dozens of royalty-free options - or even upload your own!
 - e. The “final product” buttons - do you want to Preview, Share, Download, or Invite a collaborator. Find these buttons at the top center.
6. Click to add your first content item - perhaps a title slide by using the Text tool
7. Click to add your next content item - perhaps a photo to set-up your instructional content, by using the Photo tool
8. Click to add your next content item - perhaps a video you recorded via Zoom or Screencastify.
9. Use the playback, content editing, and customizer tools to trim, focus, change, edit, and add to your content till your story is complete.
10. Use the microphone tool to record narration over those panels that need extra explanation.
11. Don’t forget - a background music track is on by default - be sure to either double-check that it suits your video, or that you turn it off.
12. When you’re ready, choose the **Share** button to publish your story to social media options, or choose the **Download** button to save an .mp4 video file to your desktop and then you can choose to upload it to your Truman-provisioned Google Drive or YouTube account.

Note - If your video does not include self-explanatory text and visual cues, you will need to use YouTube's tools to add transcriptioning/CC-ing to ensure that your content is fully accessible.