***What Is Digital Storytelling?***

There are many different definitions of “Digital Storytelling,” but in general, they all

revolve around the idea of combining the art of telling stories with a variety of digital

multimedia, such as images, audio, and video.

Just about all digital stories bring together some mixture of digital graphics, text, recorded audio narration, video and music to present information on a specific topic. As is the case with traditional storytelling, digital stories revolve around a chosen theme and often contain a particular viewpoint.

The stories are typically just a few minutes long and have a variety of uses, including

the telling of personal tales, the recounting of historical events, or as a means to inform or

instruct on a particular topic.

***Elements of Digital Storytelling:***

**1. Point of View:** What is the main point or purpose of the story and what is your perspective as the author and narrator?

**2. A Dramatic Question(s):** A key question or questions that keep the viewer's attention and will be answered by the end of the story.

**3. Choice of Content:** Serious issues that come alive in a personal and powerful way and connect the story to the audience.

**4. The Gift of Your Voice:** A way to personalize the story, with the clarity of your voice, to help the audience understand the context.

**5. The Power of the Soundtrack:** Music or other sounds that support and embellish the storyline.

**6. Economy of the Story Detail:** Using just enough content to tell the story without overloading the viewer.

**7. Pacing:** The rhythm of the narrative or story and how slowly or quickly it progresses.

8. **Quality**: of Images, Video & other Multimedia Elements chosen to use in your story.

9. **Use of a Meaningful**: Audio Soundtrack