

Flip Video Shooting Tips



1. Lens – the small circular glass on the front of the camera should not be touched! If you put your fingers all over it your image will not be clean looking.
2. Make sure your mic (built into the camera) is close enough to your subject. The Flip Video mic is not very powerful and if what your subject is saying is important – then you will need them to be fairly close to the camera. (Tip – when looking through the viewer screen you should only see a “head shot” of your subject – that is from chest or shoulder level up to just above their head.
3. Once you turn on the camera to record wait about 3 seconds before you begin speaking, and after you finish speaking wait another 3 seconds before you stop recording. This will allow for transition time once you edit your video so that you don’t get cut off while you are speaking.
4. Be creative with your image – think about what your poem is saying and try to think of some creative fun way to have your image help represent that idea.
5. The sun can really hurt a video image – if it is a bright, sunny day, make sure you look at how the person looks before you start to shoot. If they are standing in bright sunlight it might cause your subject to squint their eyes or the sun might cast harsh shadows on their face(s). Also make sure your camera is not pointing into the sun – this could wash out your image all together. Sometimes finding a shady spot where the light is more neutral is a good idea.
6. Wind can also drown out your sound. If it is a windy day – try to find a spot where the wind is not so strong or a spot that is sheltered from the wind to shoot.
7. Make sure you turn the camera off when you are done – this will help conserve the batteries.
8. Have fun and be creative!