

Tips for Making a Good Video

1. **PLAN AHEAD OF TIME!** Know what you are going to say, where you're going to write on the screen, etc.
2. Make sure your question addresses the topic you chose. So if you were doing logarithm rules, you are going to want to come up with a problem that has the multiplication, division, *and* exponent rules.
3. If you are presenting a problem, have the problem already written on smartboard. If you're going to be graphing, make sure to have the coordinate plane already on the smartboard. If you're going to be using the virtual TI calculator, be sure to make sure the settings (e.g. the window) are set correctly before you begin.
4. Don't have long periods of silence. You want to be explaining your steps *as you do them*.
5. Remember that *what appears on the video is only what appears on the smartboard*. If you *point to something on the screen, no one will know*. To reference something on the screen, use a different color and underline or circle it, while you're talking about it, so the viewer knows what you're talking about.
6. Use different colors!
7. Don't just show the steps to solve a problem; be sure to explain each step. Even if it seems elementary or basic to you, it may not be to the person watching!
8. If you (or other students) make a common mistake, be sure to point that out in your video so that the viewer is aware of the problem and can avoid it.
9. When you finish your explanation, make sure to take a few seconds to summarize what you've done.

Tips So Technical Problems Don't Muck You Up

1. **START MAKING THE VIDEO EARLY!** If something goes wrong, you'll want a few days to fix it.
2. Remember the software you're downloading only has a 30 day free trial, so don't install the software and then forget about making your video in those 30 days!
3. Make a short test video to confirm everything is working. Pay attention to sound quality – where your computer is and where the microphone is. You have to be heard!
4. Depending on your internet connection and how long your video is, it takes from 10 minutes to over an hour to upload your video to Vimeo. So plan accordingly.
5. When uploading the video to Vimeo, remember to title it with the topic number, section number, and explanation (e.g. "Topic 15, Section 1.7, Vertical Translation and Horizontal Translation of Functions").