



Teens with a Movie Camera

Session 5 Recap: Planting Seeds

Meaningful movies grow from small seeds, which can even sprout in one's own backyard.

- Examples of short, personal, home-based works made by high schoolers include [Numb by Liv McNeil](#) and [Samir by Rayan Mohamed](#), a Somali refugee and current SU Film student who went to Henninger High.

As part of the workshop, we brainstormed potential directions for personal projects that will be created and edited during the upcoming weeks.

- We mapped out our ideas in the form of a tree, starting with an underlying “big idea” at the roots—something that matters to the person planting it.
- As your tree drawings developed, their trunks, branches, and leaves became increasingly specific and concrete. Branches of ideas can grow in many different directions—stay open to where they might lead you.

For the next step of turning ideas into images, shadow puppet theater offers a creative approach. With simple ingredients of a light source, some paper, and a white sheet, anyone can work with silhouettes to tell stories—as we did together at the end of this session.

FunJoy 5: **Gathering Material**

Your goal at home is to **gather material (footage) for a short project you'd like to create**. This can be a planned-out story idea, or simply recording some videos and sounds from your everyday life.

Don't forget the camera that's always with you in your pocket. Whenever you see something interesting, take a photo or video. Every week, shoot a 30-second video of it! As movie-makers, you never know how this footage might be used.

You can also gather materials of **ideas in your mind for something you want to make during next workshop**—such as images with shadow puppets, projections, or animation. The important thing is to have something to edit and/or work on at the next session.

Use the personal topics we brainstormed during workshop as a **starting point** (for example: hair, passion, art for justice, growing up, escapism, *Mamma Mia*...) But you never have to feel "stuck" on one theme. Your mind, and camera, wherever they lead you!

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY!

If you have any questions or would like to consult about these projects, you are always welcome to contact a member of the team via WhatsApp for guidance!



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Where you are.

Be smart, Make [ART](#) !