

Be the Author!...

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This presentation focuses on the use of iBooks for teaching and learning. Different uses for the iBook, from the perspective of both teacher and student, are addressed; Lesson planning, curriculum mapping, and creating interactive student materials are just the beginning! Gain access to several different iBooks including expanded lessons, semester and year-long art course plans, and learning resources geared towards students both at the K-12 and post-secondary levels. Pre-service teachers, practicing teachers, teacher educators, museum educators, and administrators alike will find relevant applications in incorporating technology and interactive learning into their practice. iBooks will also be highlighted as a tool for advocacy and bringing validity, life, and interactivity to the art classroom, art department and the school community. Below are some helpful dos and don'ts for iBook Author.

Do

Collect as much information as possible beforehand; trying using Google doc, Word doc, etc.

Put collected images in a file so they're ready to drag in

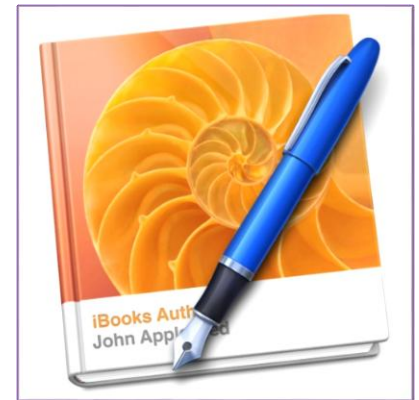
Crop images (shift, command, M) to look their best

Take time to storyboard your book so you have an idea for how you want the book laid out

Preview in iBook to see if you like the layout/format

Save PowerPoints as images in order to use in iBook

Save frequently



Helpful Links

Apple Support

<https://www.apple.com/support/mac-apps/ibooksauthor/>

Apple Discussions

https://discussions.apple.com/community/ibooks_author

Apple iBooks Author

<http://www.apple.com/ibooks-author/?cid=wwa-us-kwg-features-com>

iBook Author for Dummies

<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/ibooks-author-for-dummies-cheat-sheet.html>

YouTube iBook How To

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hajqRnLNZuU>



Be consistent with format

Make use of interactive widgets whenever possible; experiment with which one works best with the information/image you have

Use the inspector tool to do editing

Interactive image widget works best with large images with various points of interest

When copying information from an Excel workbook into a chart in iBook Author make sure to click on the box you want information to go into – example start with the upper left corner

Chart in iBook will automatically create more columns/rows if needed when you paste from Excel

Avoid

Writing everything into the book itself; copy and paste whenever possible

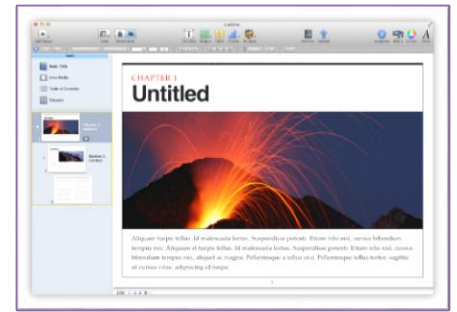
Frustration when pasting in formatted text, adjustments will be necessary

Leaving auto-text/ 'untitled" in your pages, table of contents, and widgets

Freaking out when widget wraps text; once you found the widget's forever home, make minor adjustments to format text

Inserting multiple page PDFs because only the first page will be visible; copy and paste information and reformat text instead

Copying and pasting tables from Google docs into charts in iBook Author because format changes drastically



PC Users

Cross-Platform

You can collect all information on any device. Unfortunately, iBook Author is only available on Macs.

You can export your book in a PDF or TXT format. If you choose PDF or TXT some interactive properties of your book will be unavailable.

Alternatives

If a Mac is unavailable some alternatives to iBook Author include:

Scrivener

Jutoh

Sigil

Atlantis Word Processor