

Using XtraNormal: Tip Sheet!

In the Writing Classroom

XtraNormal Overview ~

XtraNormal is a free (limited) film-making website that is user-friendly. It has a range of backgrounds, voices, sounds, characters, and styles to help you create your own movies.

1. How to Use XtraNormal –

- o First, you'll need to go to <http://www.xtranormal.com/> and create an account using your email address and a password.
- o Then, click on the “How To” tab and click on the “Movie Maker Basics” option. <http://www.xtranormal.com/how-to/>

2. Benefits of XtraNormal –

- o XtraNormal allows for teachers to easily incorporate new media into the classroom by replacing traditional assignments
- o Engages student creativity and class collaboration more effectively
- o Stronger audience awareness
- o Alternative teaching approach or differing learning styles

3. Types of Assignments –

- o Versatility is XtraNormal's main advantage! In addition to the writing classroom, you can use it in any kind of humanities or science classroom as well.
- o Instructors can use XtraNormal for presentations, inter-textuality, debates, responses, grammar activities, and peer review.

4. Assessing XtraNormal –

- o Similar to traditional paper assessment, XtraNormal films can be graded through a variety of rubric categories including: Analysis, rhetoric, organization, creativity, craft and collaboration.
- o You can use XtraNormal for both low stakes and high stakes assignments

