

# eBooks & eComics

**WHAT:** Book Creator is an iPad and Android app that lets you design and publish your own customized eBook.

**YOUR CHALLENGE:** Using data collected from your lab work, create an interactive eBook or comic strip to tell the story of a scientific phenomenon or burning question.

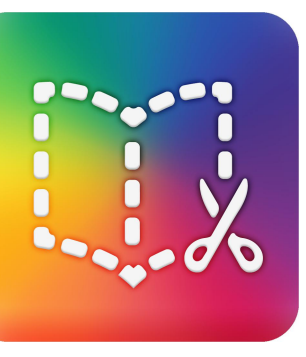
## CAN YOU:

- Use a storyboard to help organize your thoughts and map the action?
- Create an engaging dialogue of characters?
- Embed appropriate scientific language and vocabulary?
- Craft a compelling conclusion?
- Add sound effects or music?



How antihistamine works.  
BEATRICE the BIOLOGIST





# Book Creator: Creating an eBook

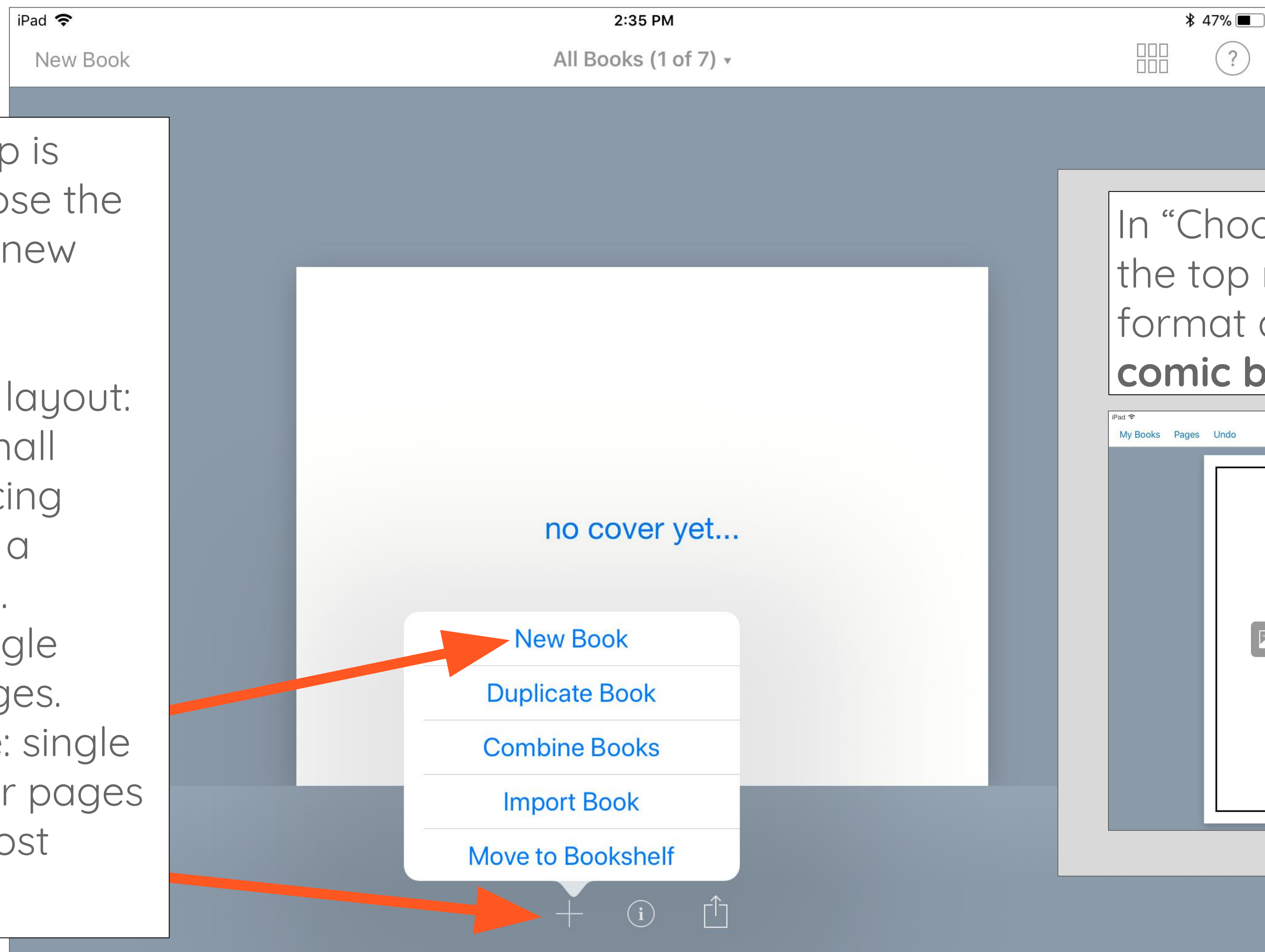
App landing page:

When the app is opened, choose the “+” to create new book.

Choose your layout:

- Portrait: small vertical facing pages, like a paperback.
- Square: single square pages.
- Landscape: single rectangular pages with the most room.

In “Choose a book shape”, the top row is a standard format and the bottom is a **comic book format**.



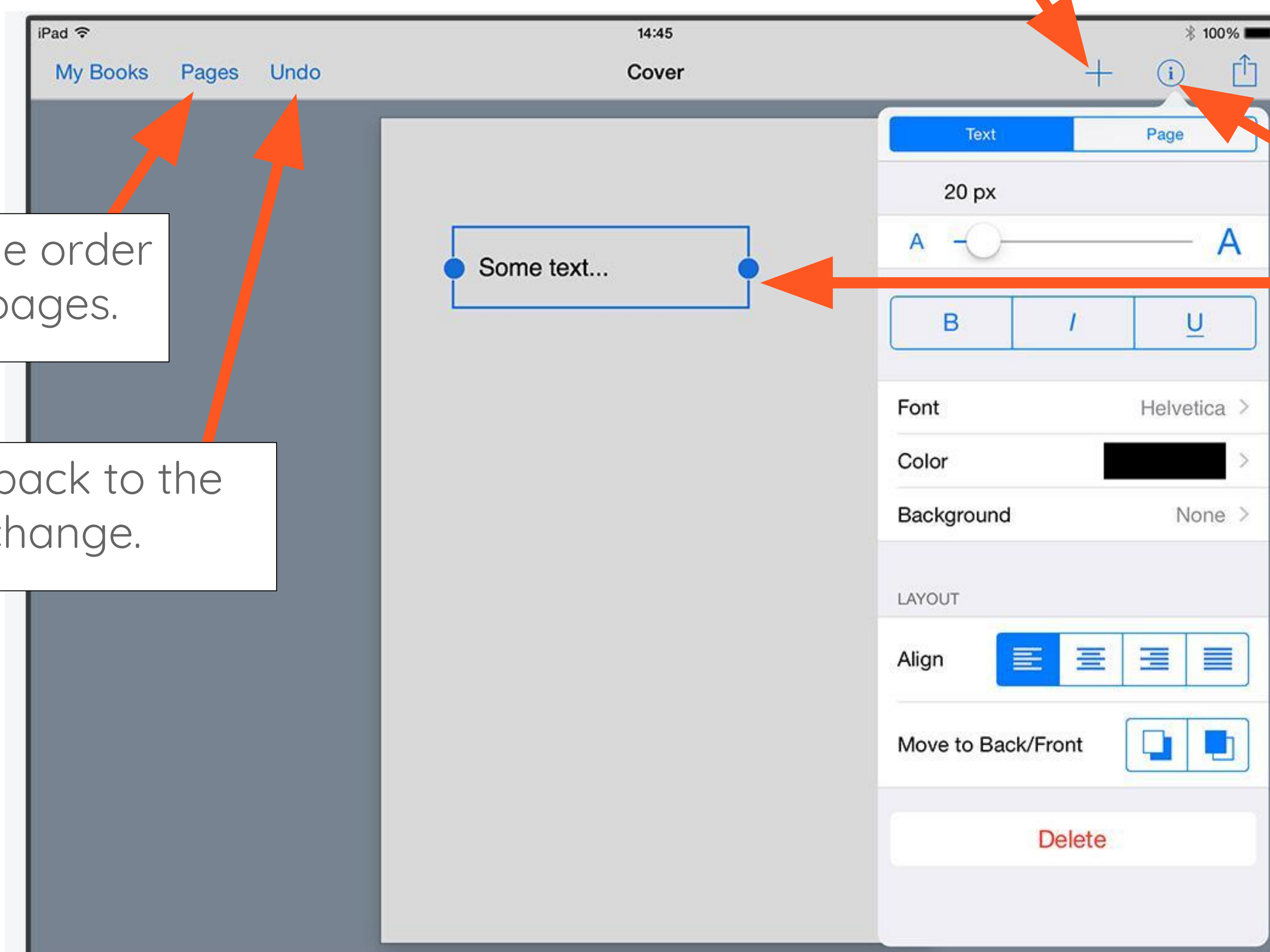
Once inside a “standard” book:

Choose plus sign options to add: text, images/video, drawing.

Pages: edit page order and/or delete pages.

Undo: go back to the previous change.

“i” symbol gives you many format options. For text options, make sure your text box is selected first. Or select Page to change page options (page color, etc.)

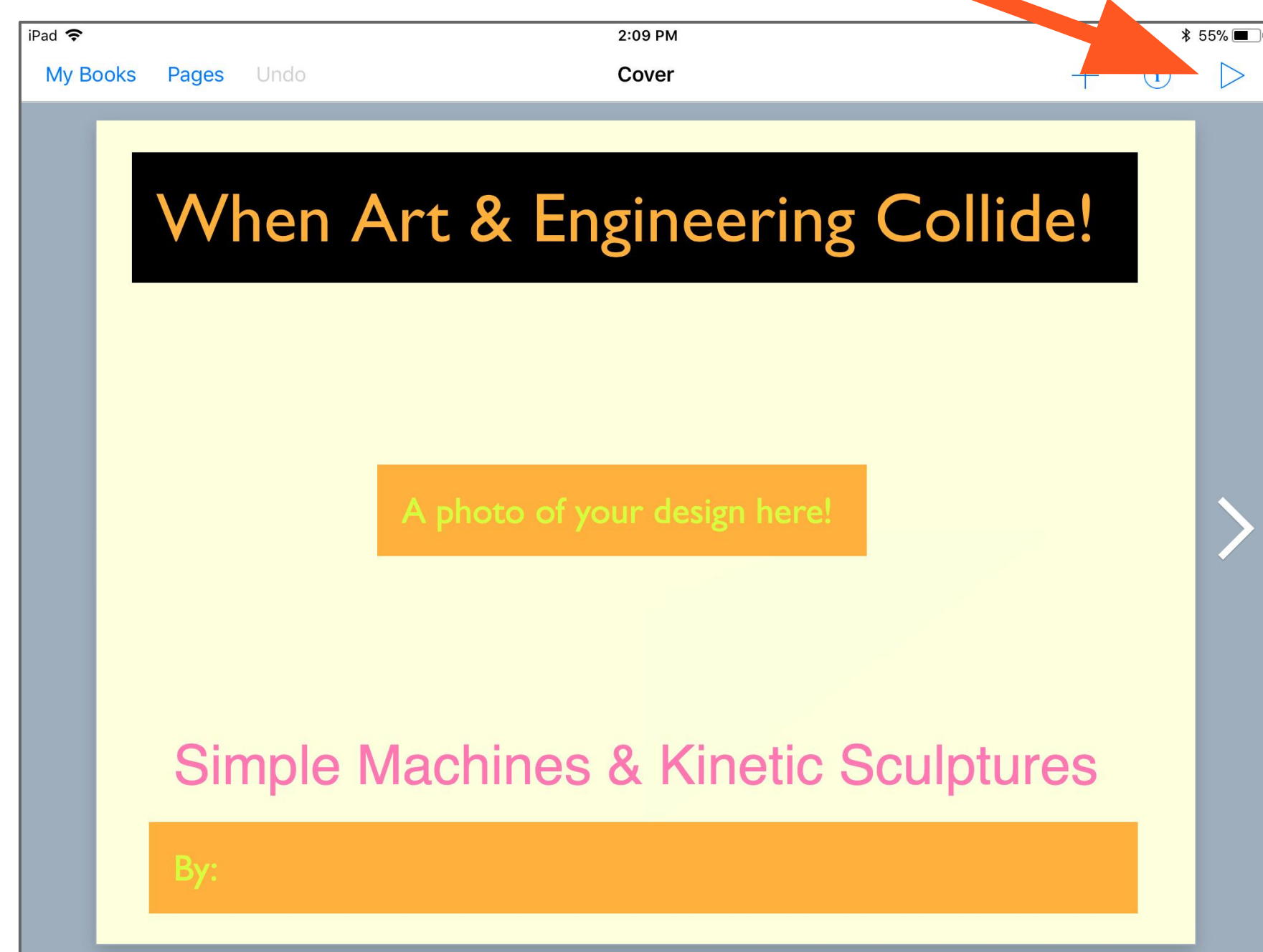




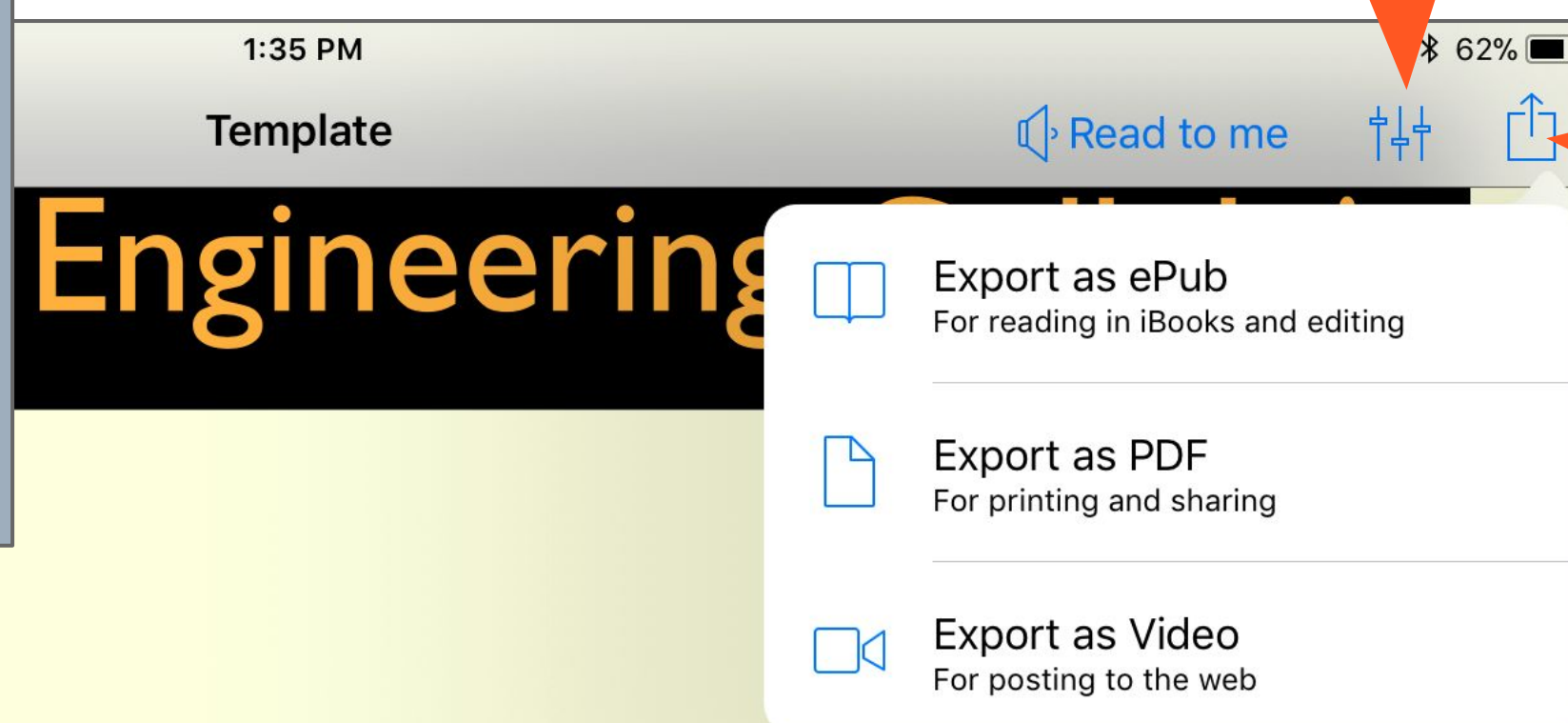


# Book Creator: Exporting an eBook

Press the blue triangle to enter preview mode.



Customize the “Read to me” feature, or adjust your pages single or double facing.



Press the “share” button to export your eBook as an ePub, PDF, or video.

You may need to tinker with individual pages to customize how long each page is displayed.

*Hint: A blank audio file can be hidden on a page to extend the amount of time that page is displayed in the exported video.*

The preview mode lets you see what an exported eBook will look like. By flipping through the pages, you can make sure it's ready.



## Exporting your eBook:

### ePub:

- Share and store an .ePub file directly to Google Drive. Viewable only if you bring it back into Book Creator or another eBook app.
- Or, export ePub directly into iBooks to view it with all its features.
- Import an ePub into Book Creator from Google Drive: first login to Google Drive. Tap on ePub file, click on “...” icon and then choose “Open in” and then “Book Creator”.

### PDF:

- Specify if you would like single pages or side by side pages.
- Choose Mail, Drive (Google Drive), or tap to share with AirDrop.

### Video:

- Exports as a video file, and plays back similar to a slideshow, showing each page.
- Insert a blank audio file and hide it behind an image to make a page display longer (Example: if you have a lot of text you would like people to read.)



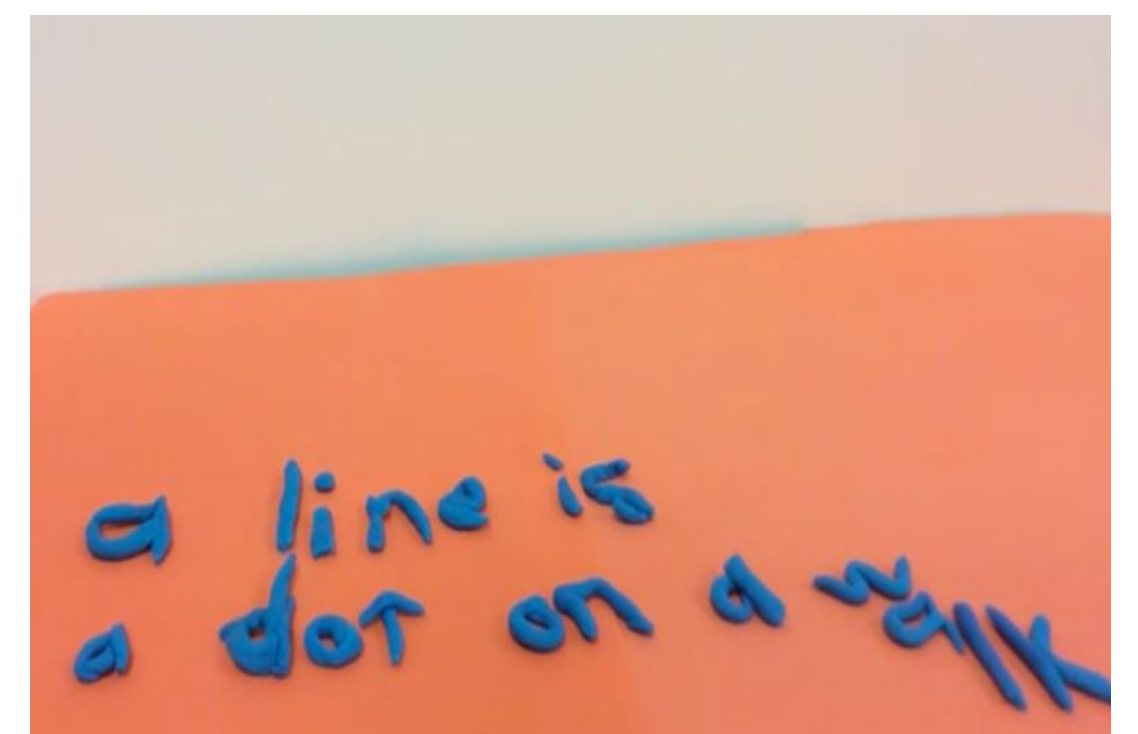
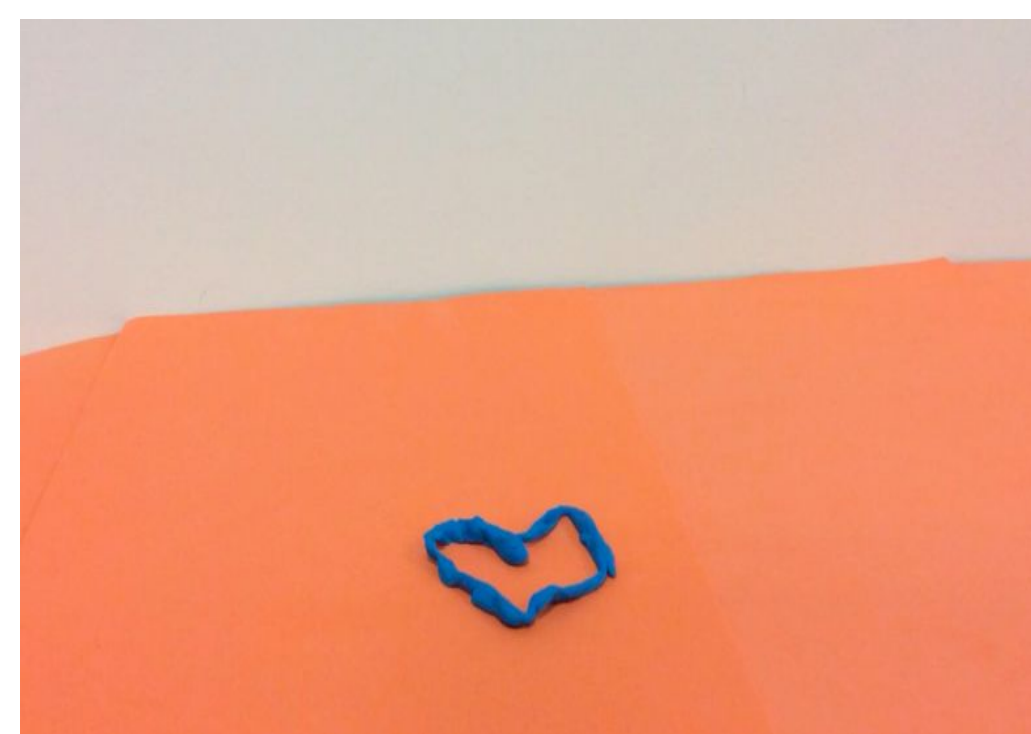
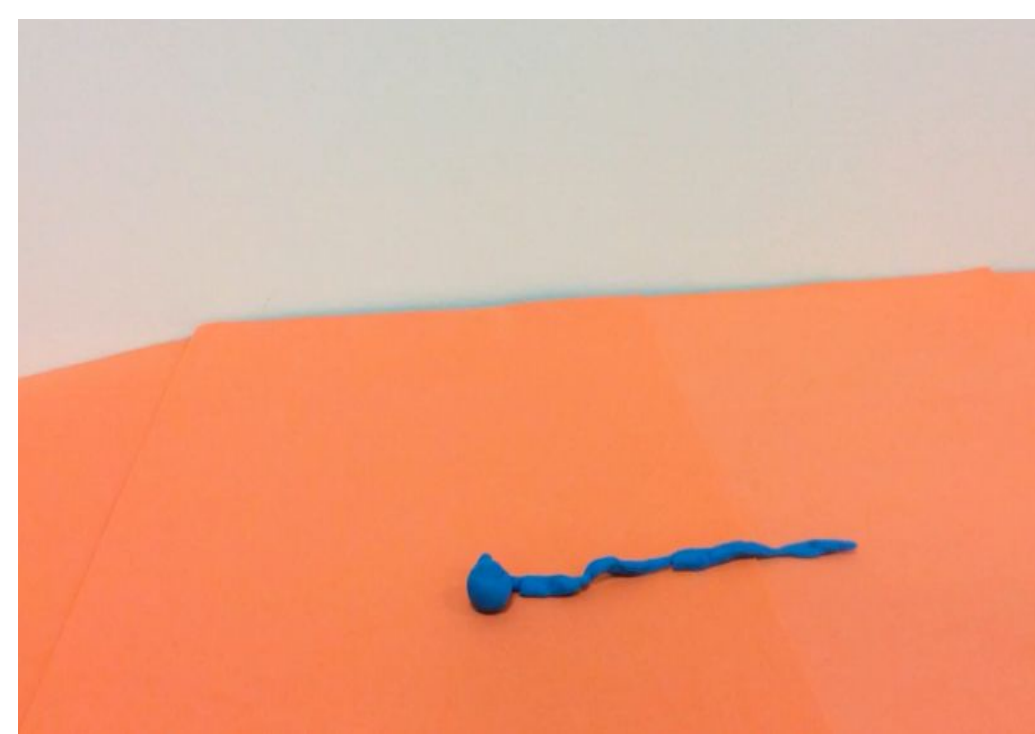
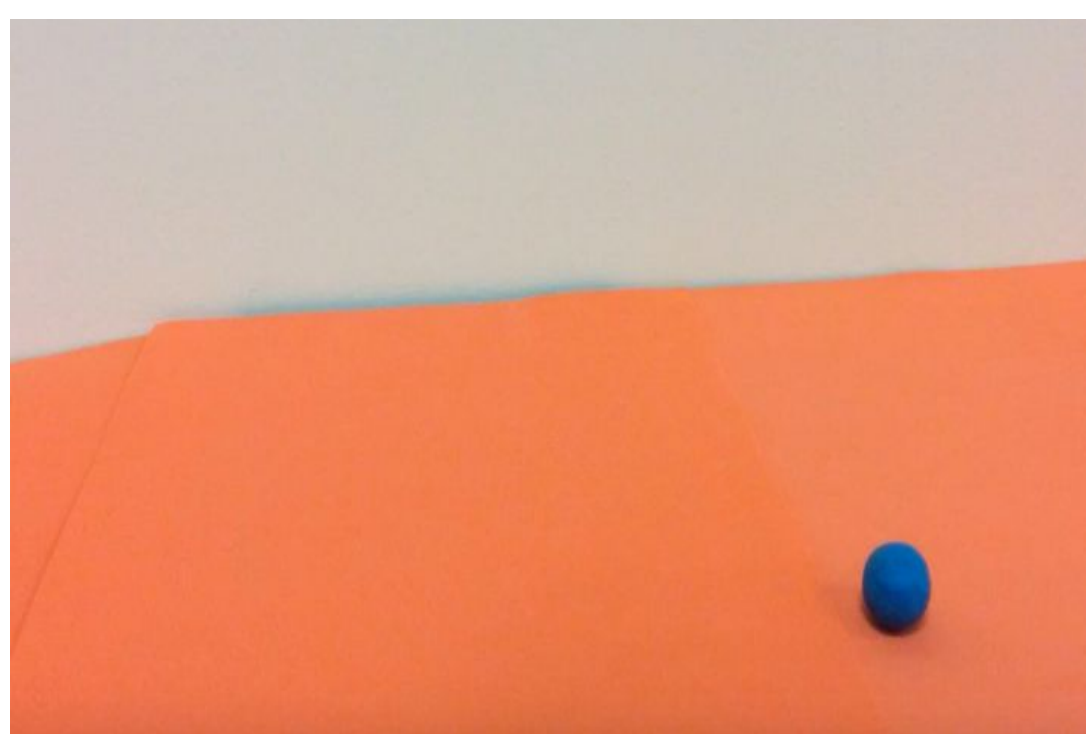
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**YOUR CHALLENGE:** Bring a poem of your choice to life through stop motion.

## CAN YOU:

- Take advantage of the text structure?
- Bring new meaning to the author's use of language and word choice?
- Take at least 50 - 100 photos to help make the animation flow organically?
- Add a voice narration and sound effects with attention to rate and expression of your reading?





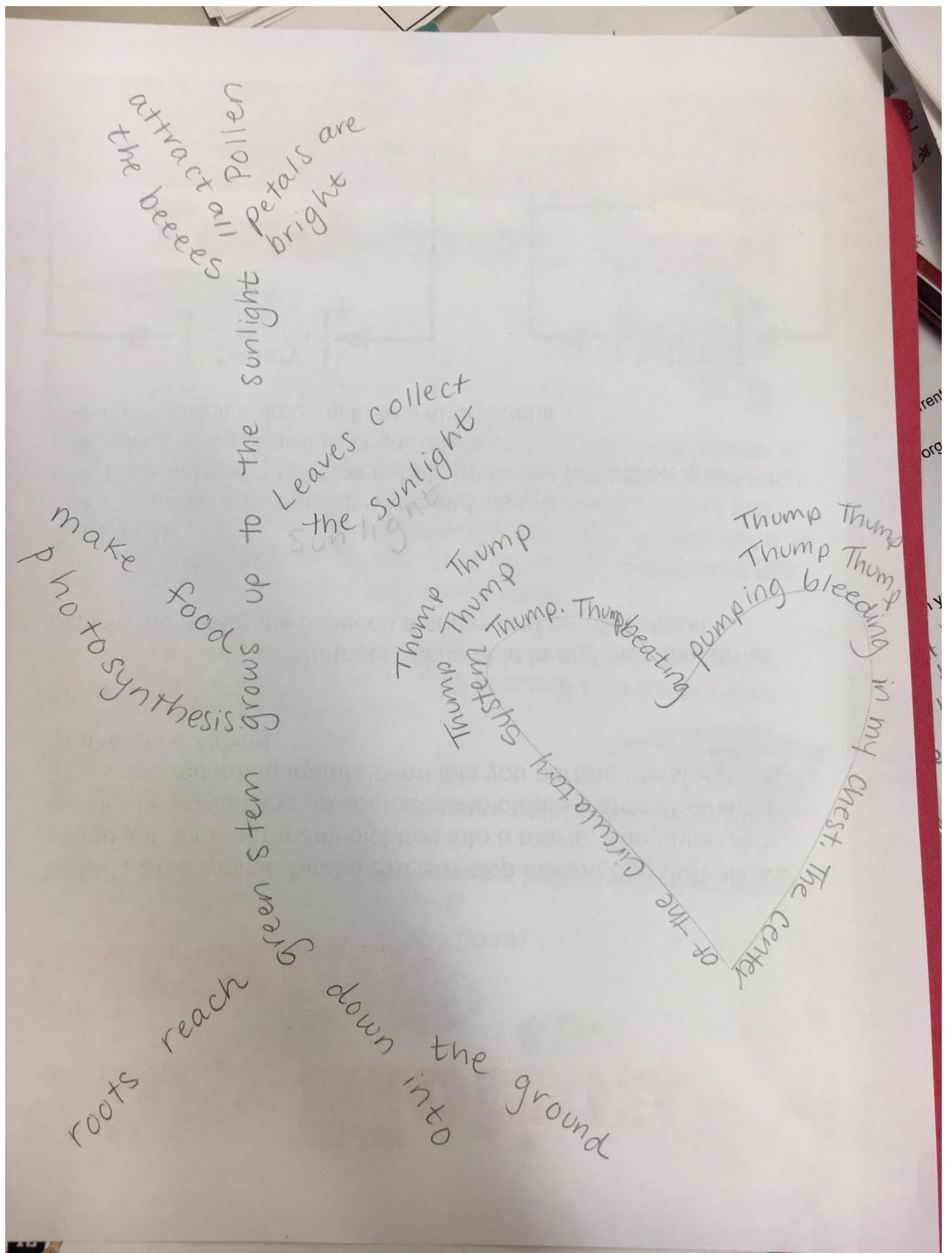
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**YOUR CHALLENGE:** Take photos of words to create a concrete poem

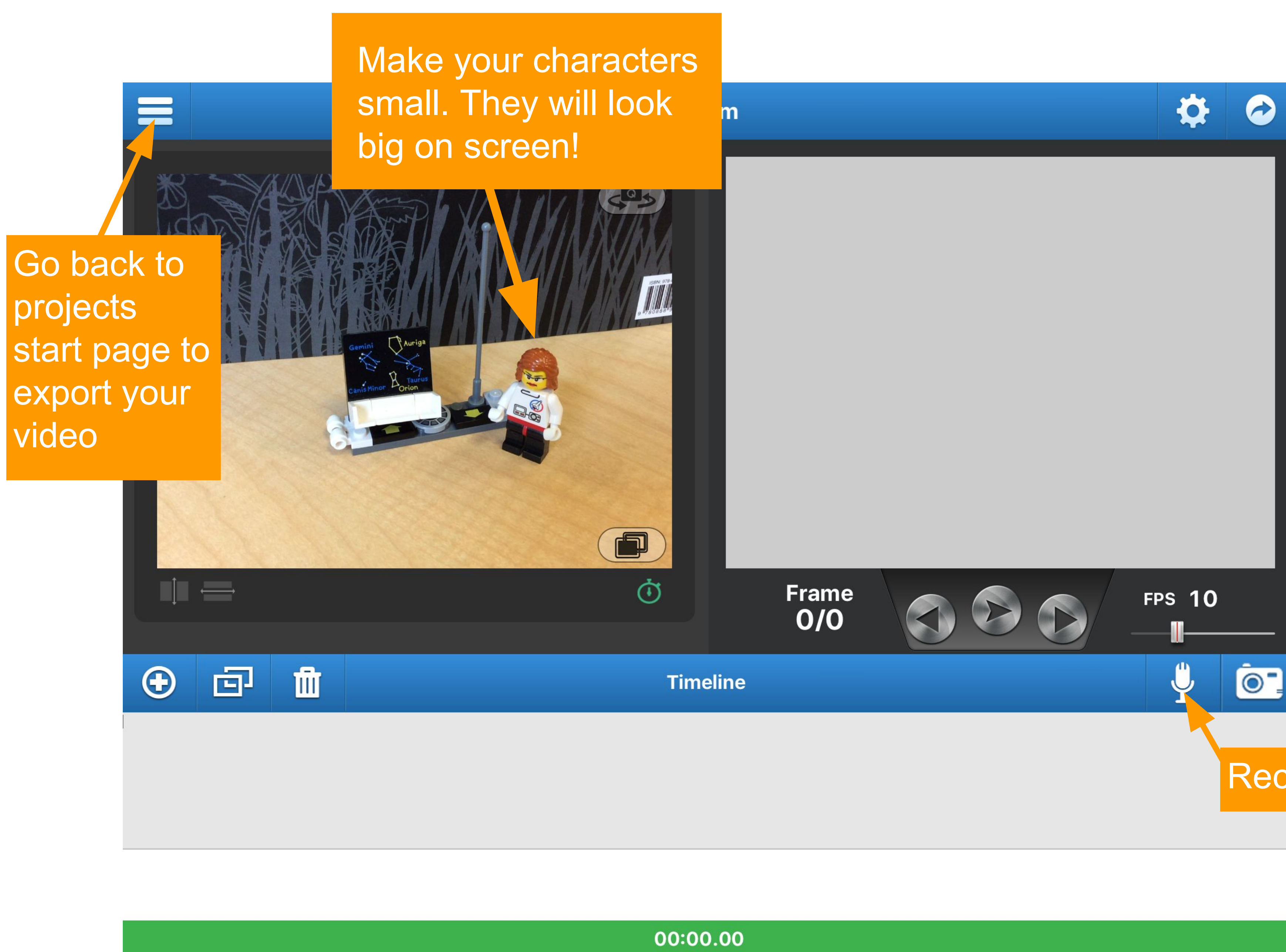
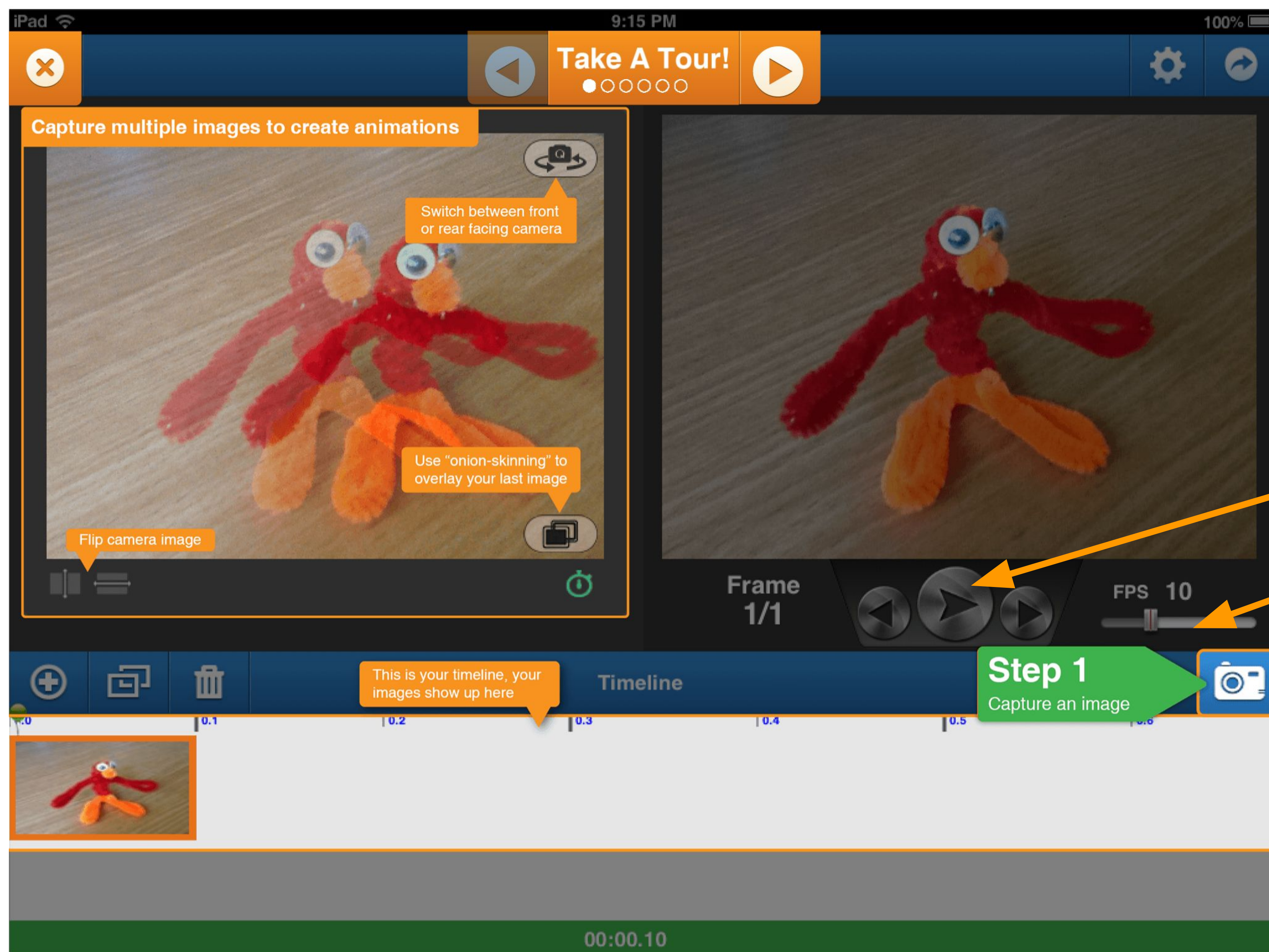
## CAN YOU:

- Identify an object or idea to write a concrete poem about
- Write a short concrete poem draft
- Word by word, write your poem. Each word gets 1-3 photos (Snap the whole word when finished, or part of the word until it's finished)
- Take 50-100 photos total to make the movie flow smoothly
- Add a voice narration and sound effects with attention to rate and expression of your reading?





# MyCreate Tips







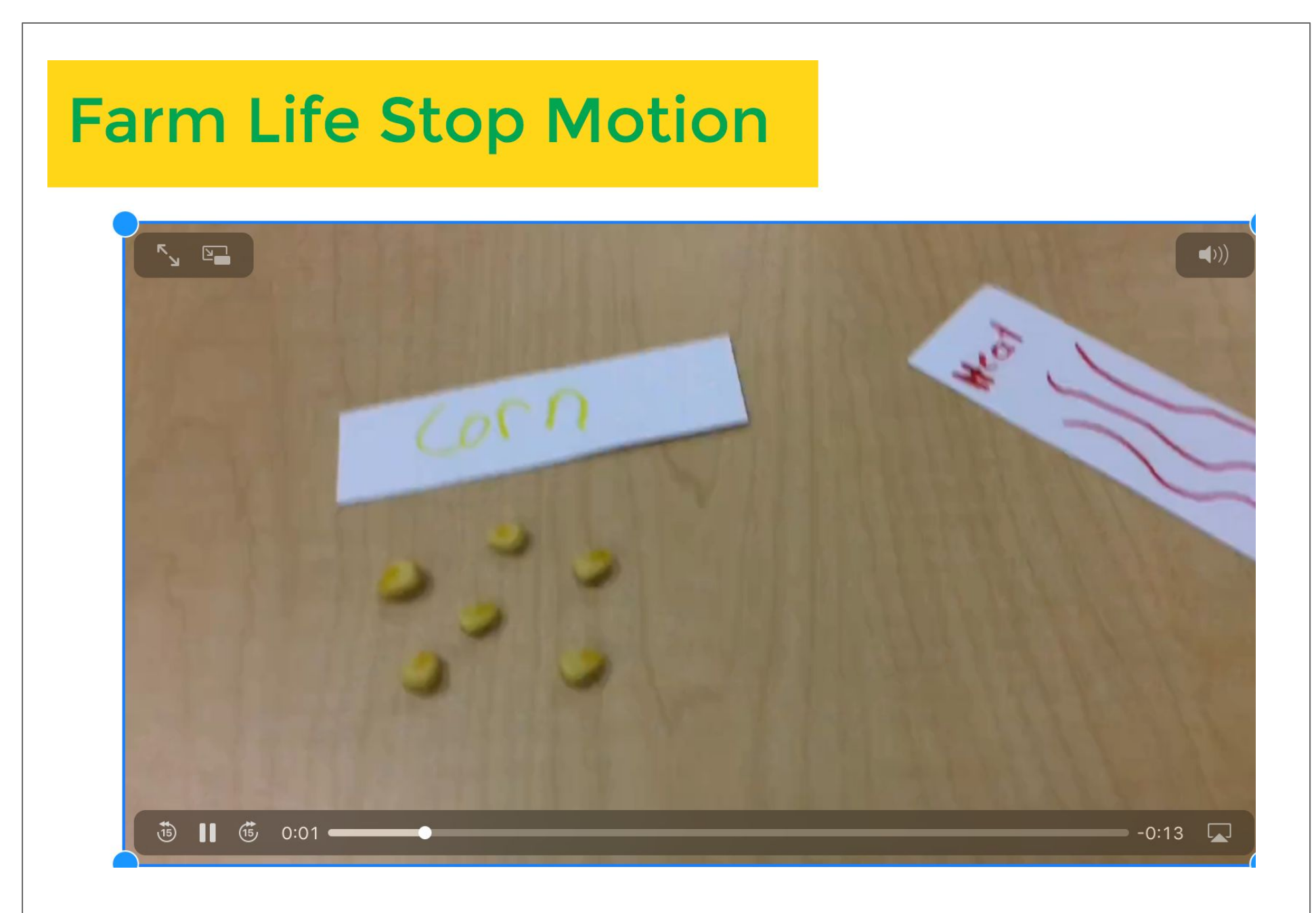
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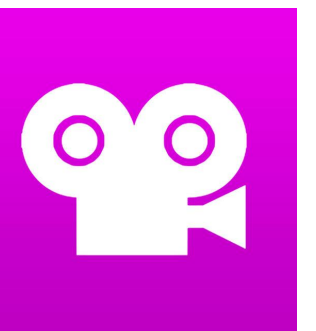
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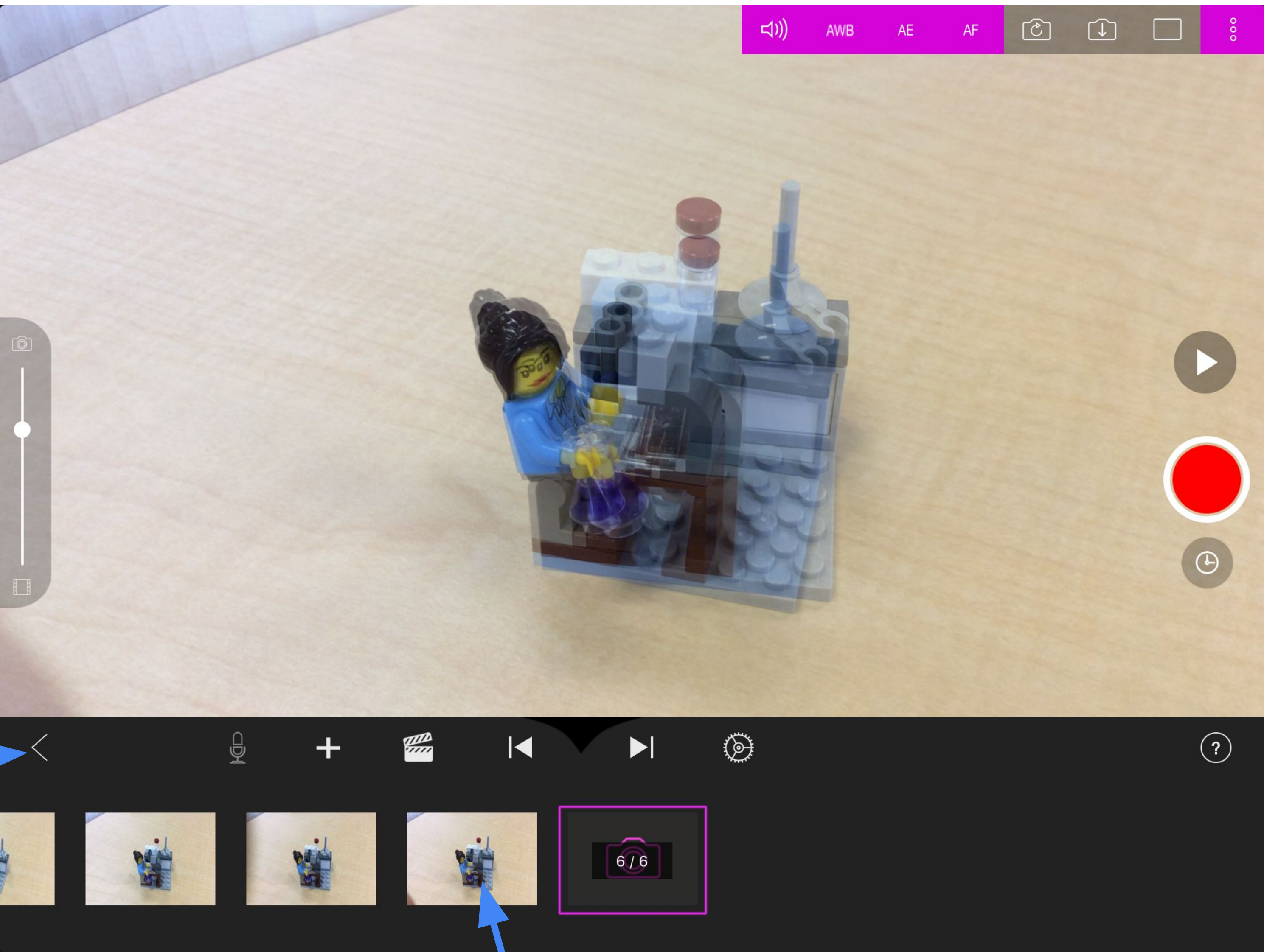
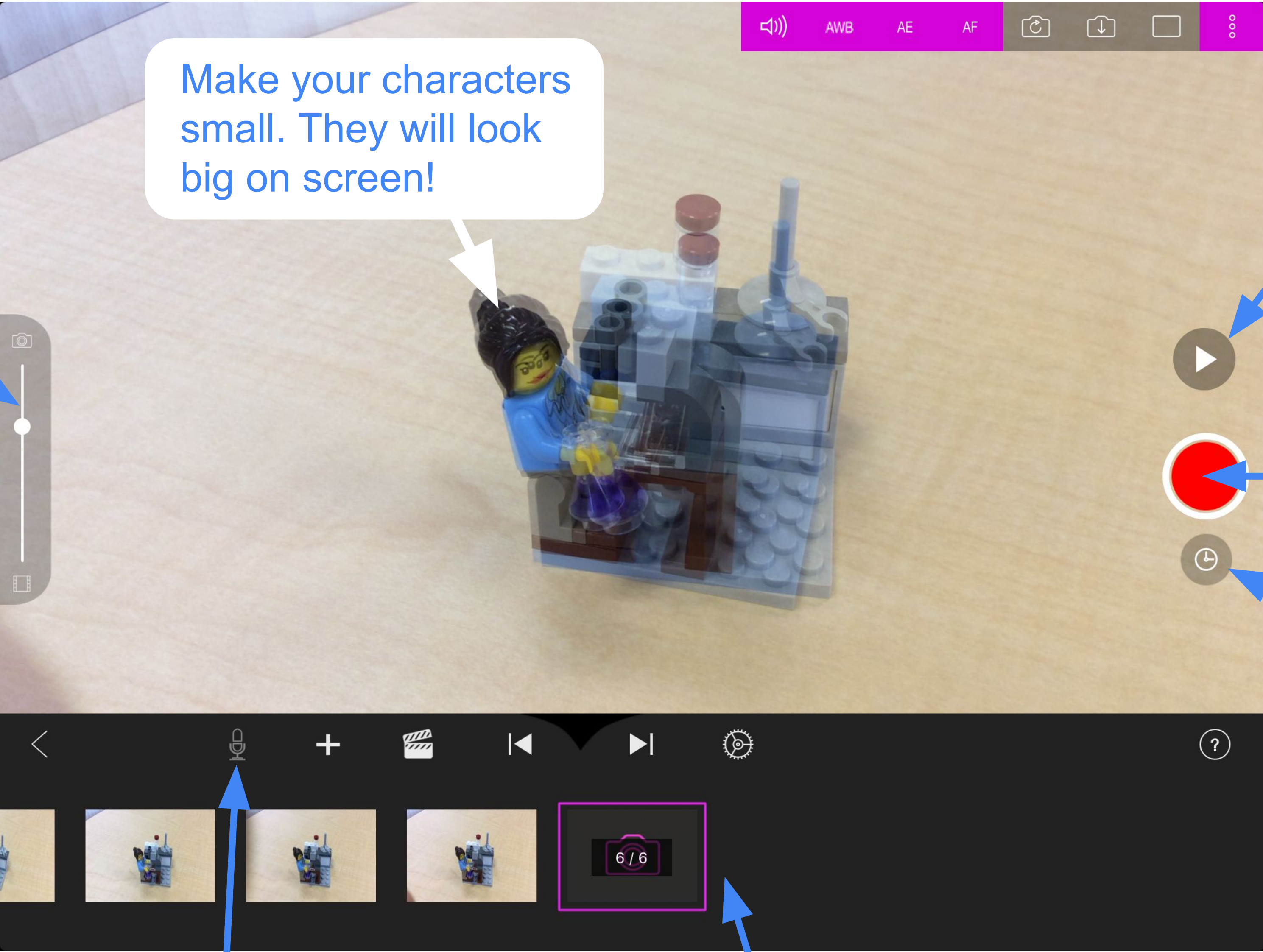
- Create a basic storyboard that tells your story in small chunks (scenes).
- Build your objects and background out of art materials.
- Move your objects in small increments each photo?
- Include labels in the video to diagram or describe the process or scene?
- Record your voice explaining different parts of the process?







# Stop Motion Studio Pro Tips



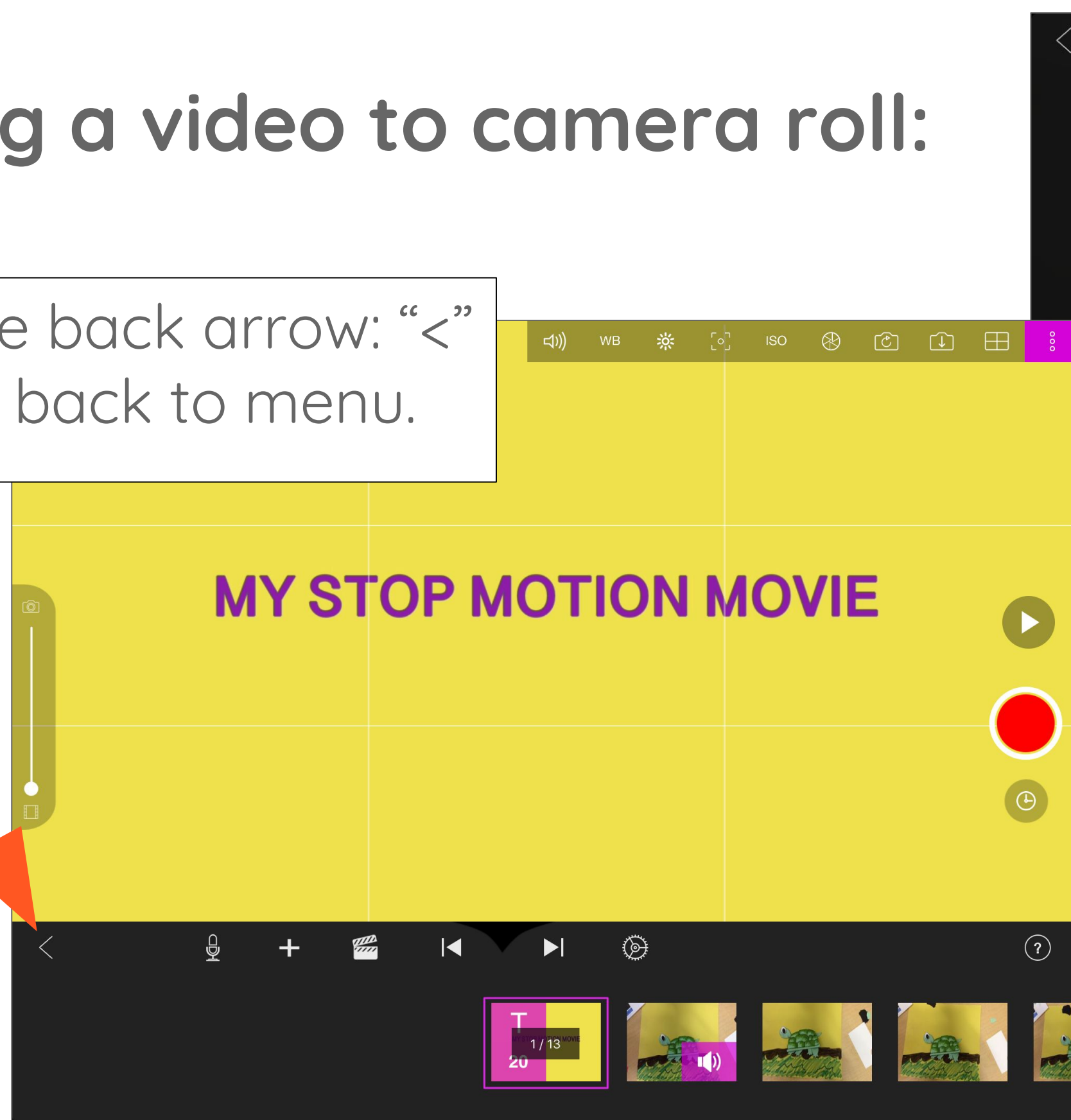




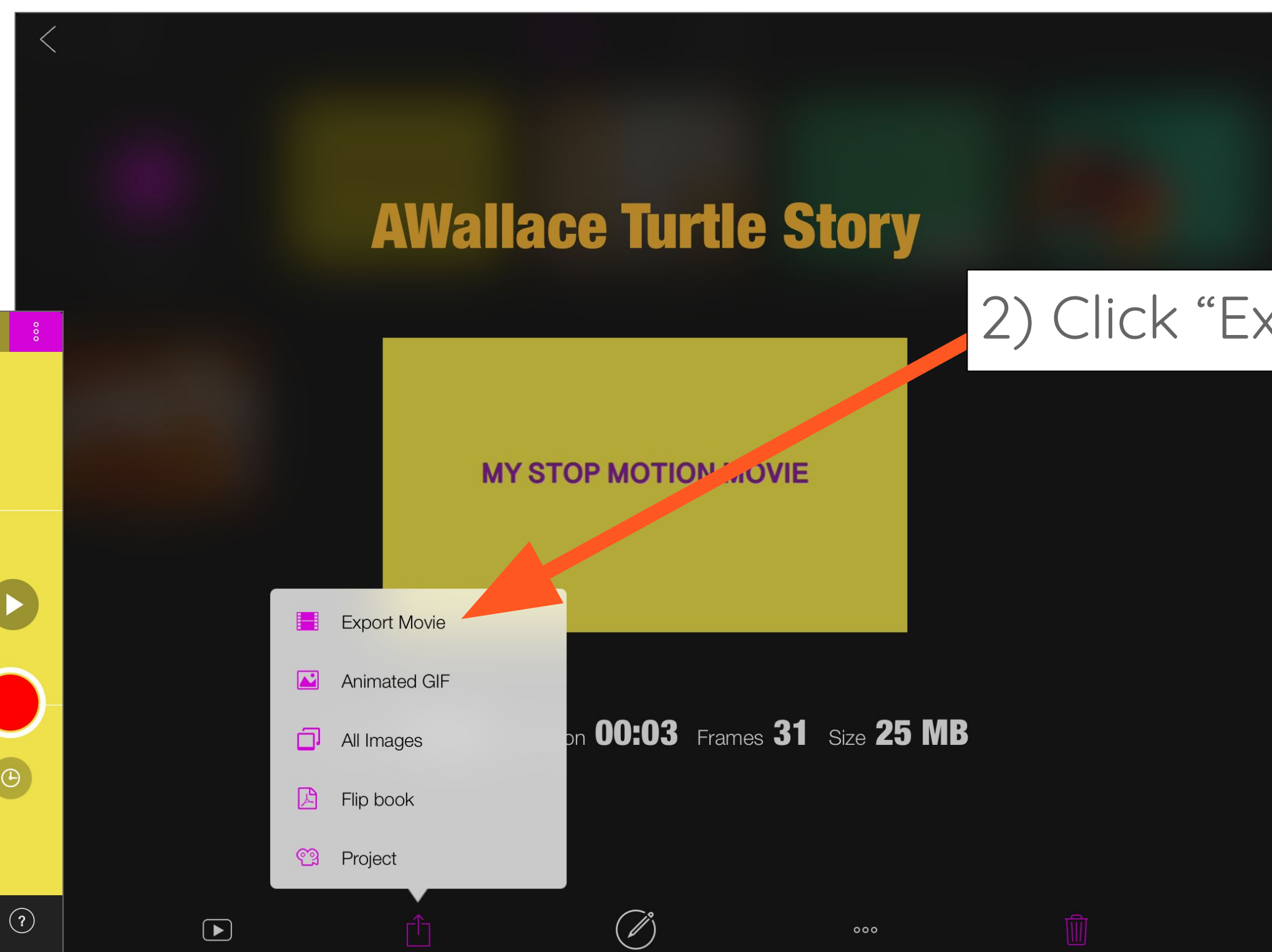
# Stop Motion Studio Exporting

Exporting a video to camera roll:

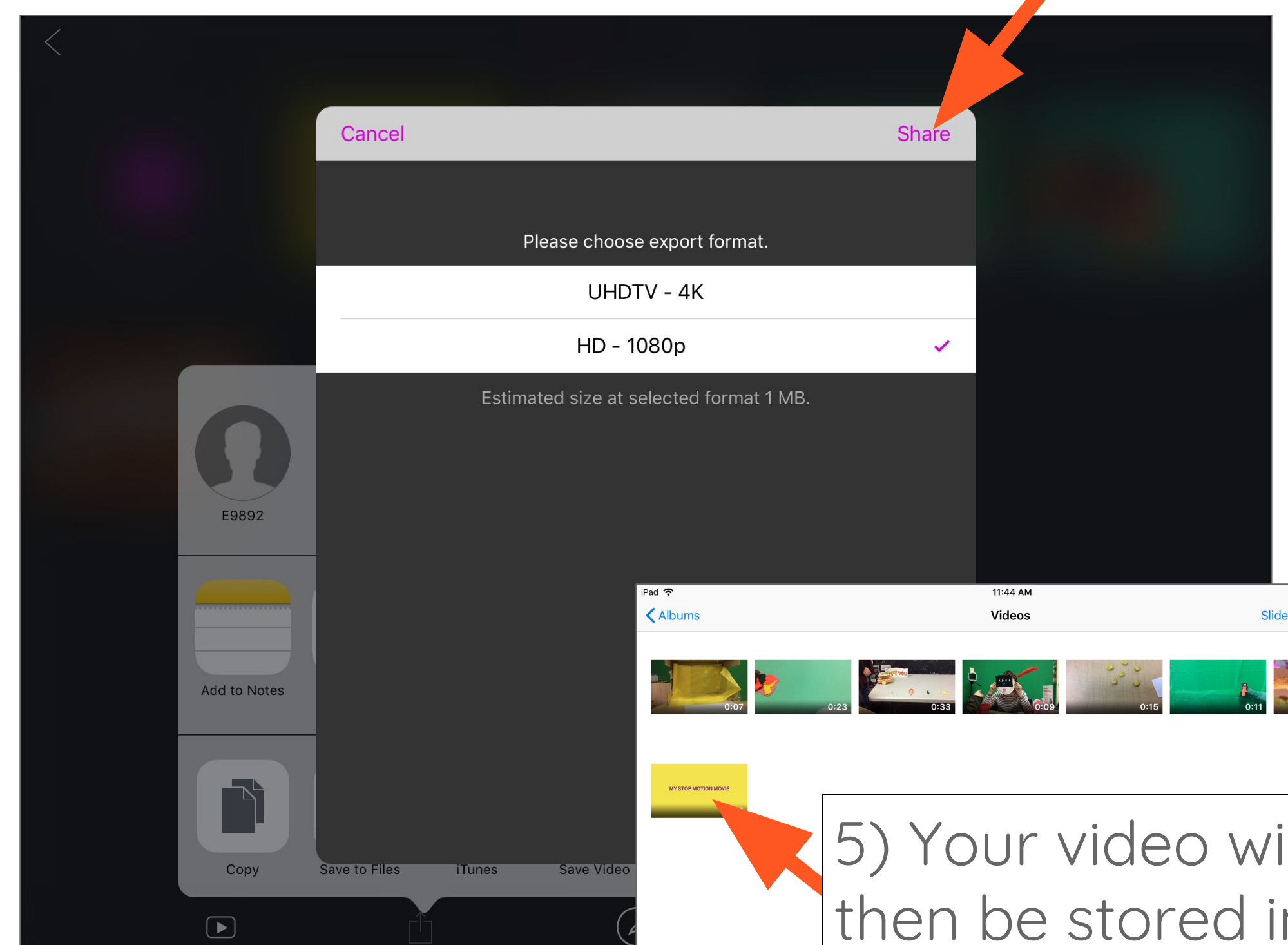
1) Click the back arrow: “<” to go back to menu.



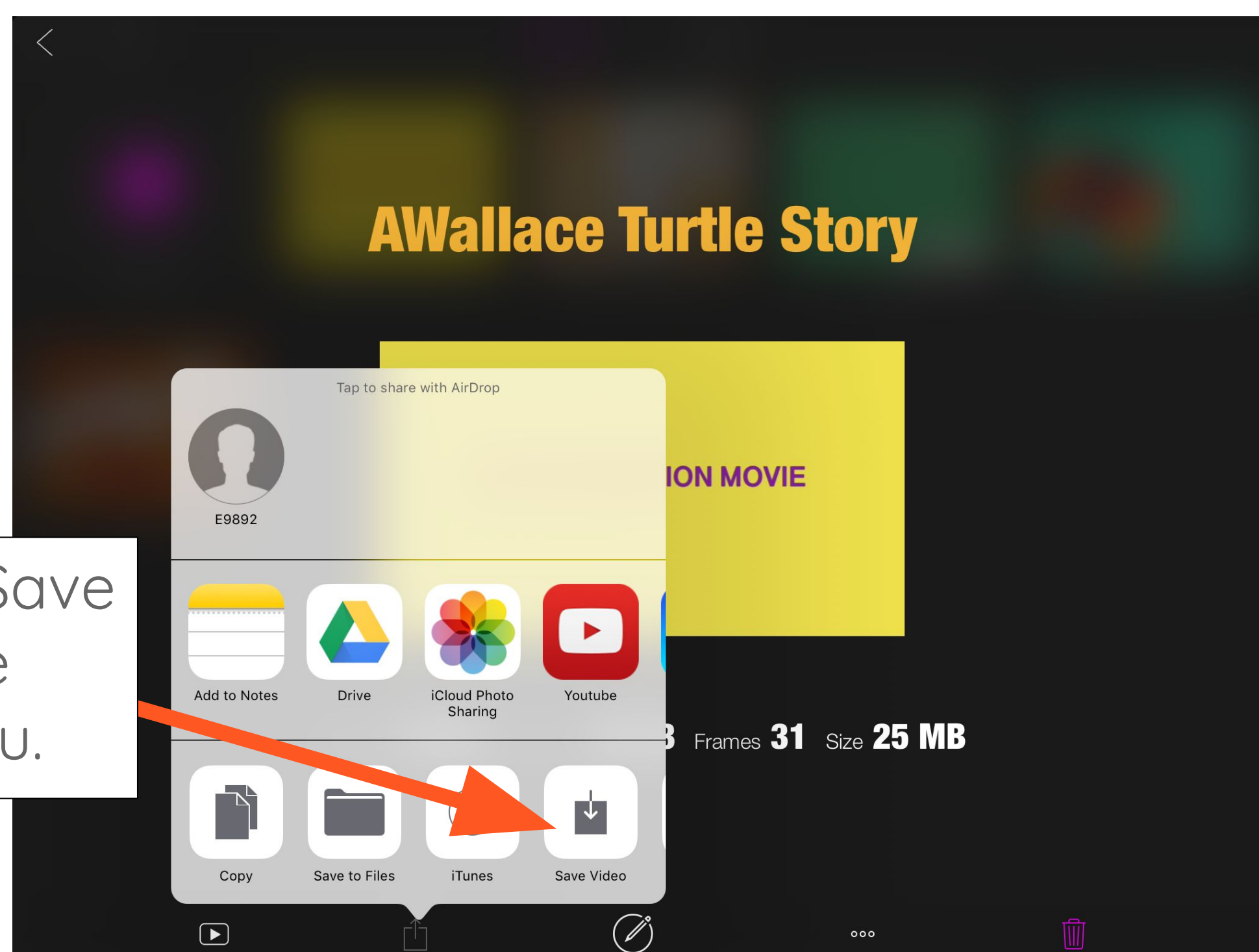
2) Click “Export Movie”



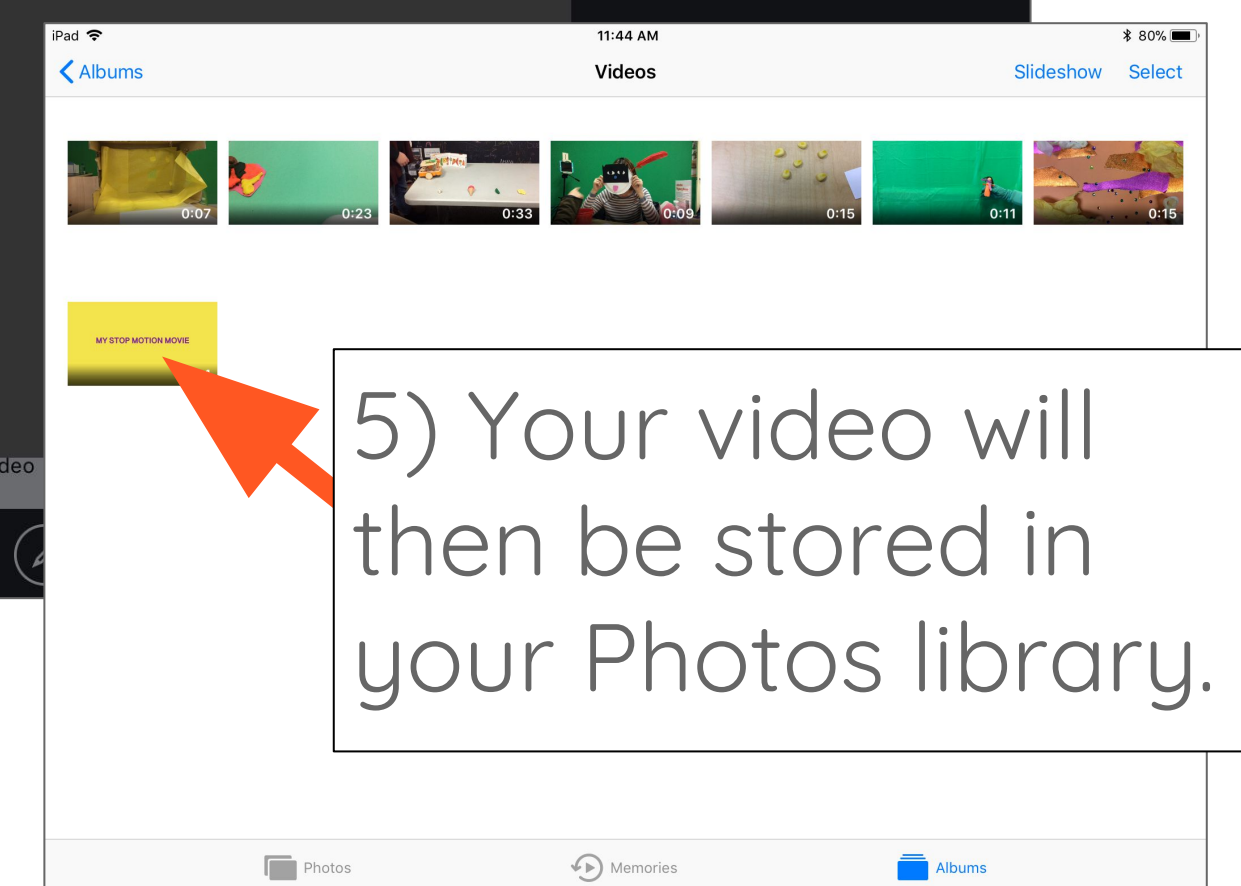
4) Then choose “HD-1080p” and “Share.”



3) Choose “Save Video” in the pop up menu.

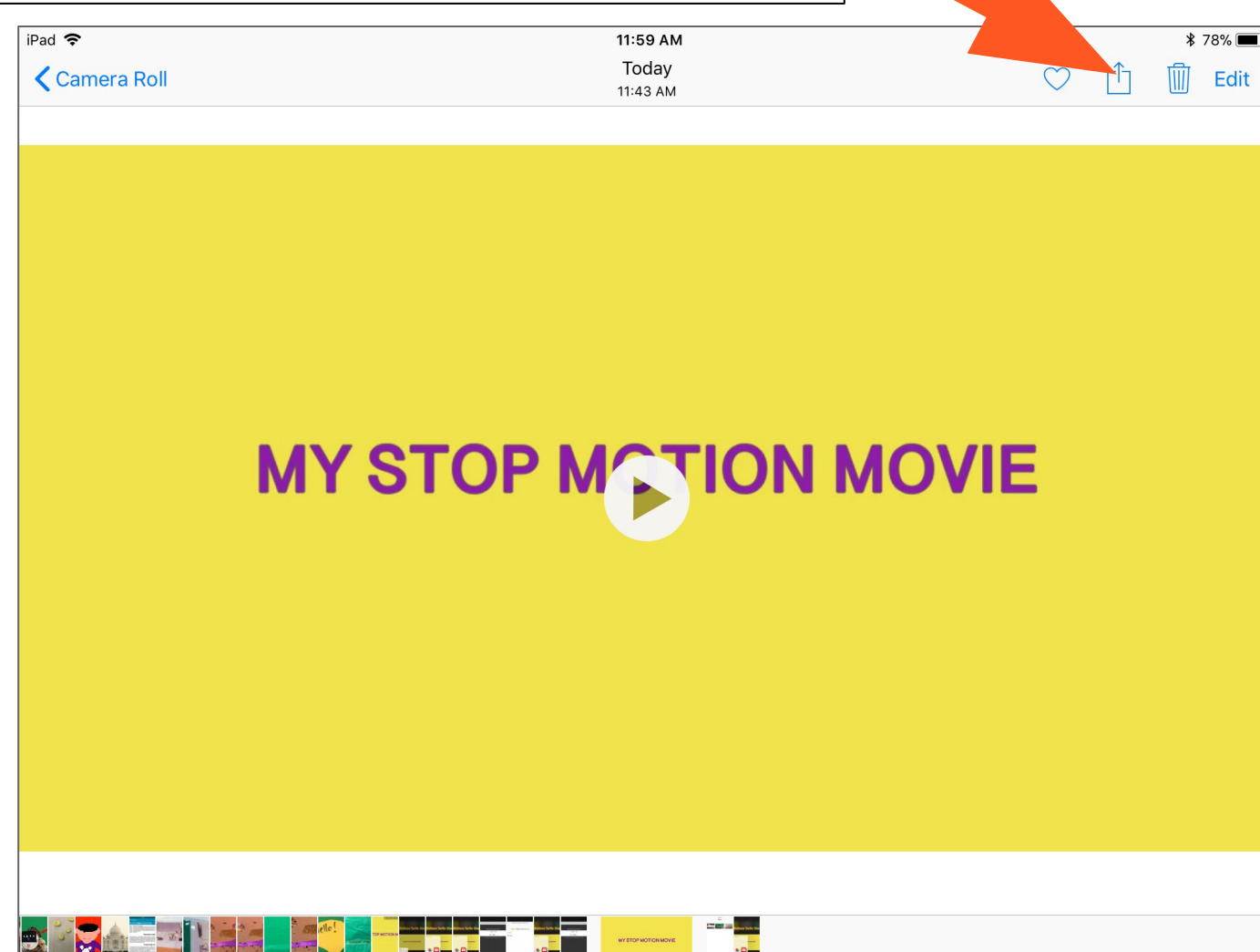


5) Your video will then be stored in your Photos library.

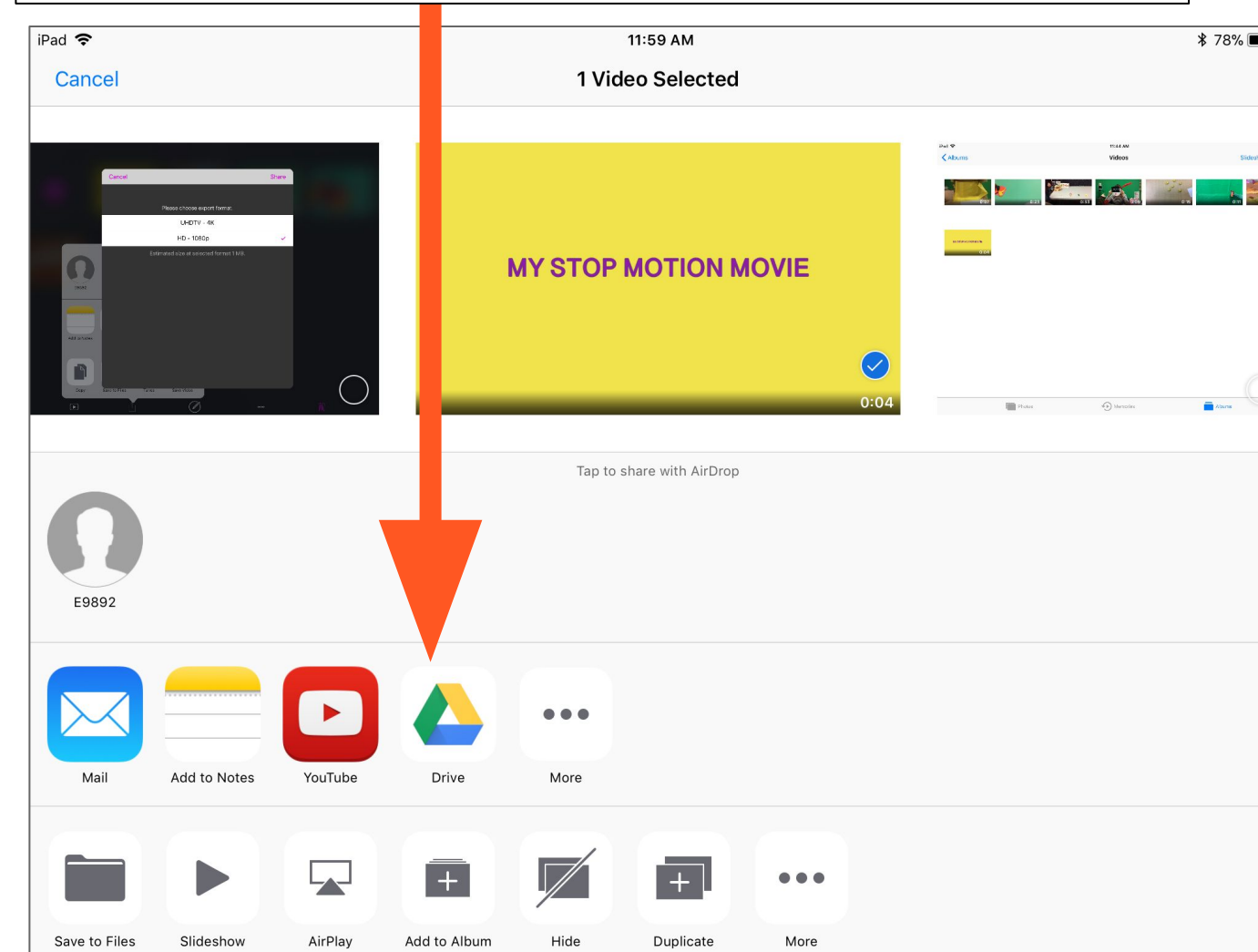


Uploading a video from camera roll to Google Drive:

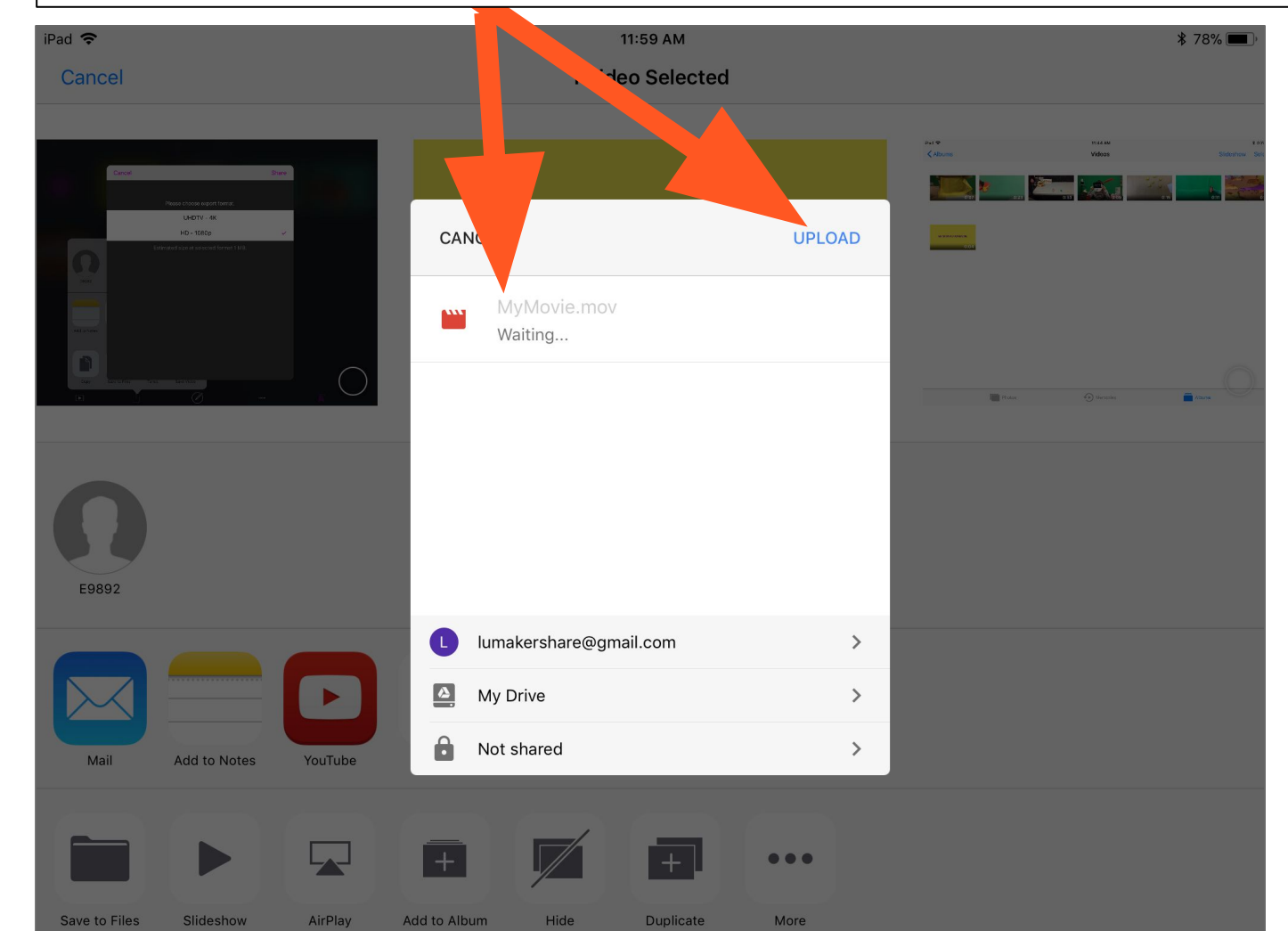
1) Click share icon.



2) Click Google Drive icon.



3) Rename movie & click upload.





# Storytelling with Scratch Jr.

**WHAT:** Scratch Jr. uses color-coded “blocks” that can be dragged down into the programming area to instruct a character to do something (move, talk, jump, etc). These command blocks can be snapped together to create more complex instructions

**Note:** you need to begin with one of the **yellow blocks** (like the green flag). Click on the green flag at the top of the screen to make your program go!



**YOUR CHALLENGE:** Program your character to move, jump and dance. Create more than one scene and more than one character to tell a story.

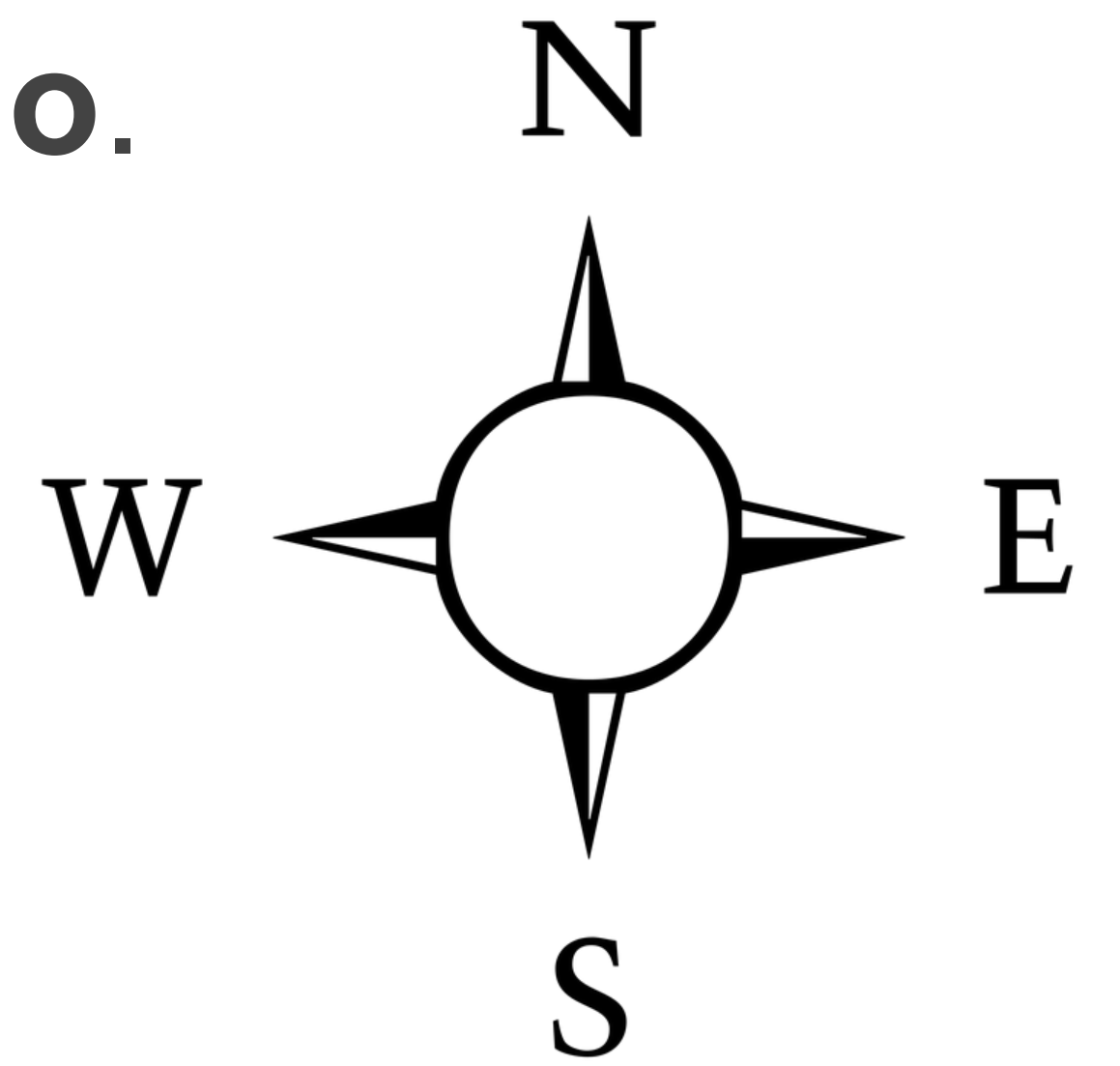
**CAN YOU PROGRAM:**

- An action that uses a repeat or wait block?
- A character that has your face? (hint: camera feature)
- A character that talks: with speech bubbles or sound?



# Bee-Bot City

**WHAT:** The Bee Bot robot is programmed by pressing the desired buttons and then pressing **go**.



**Note:** Be sure to press **clear** between each program! You can press more than one button (multiple instructions) before pressing go.

**YOUR CHALLENGE:** Help us build our Robot City!

1. Using recyclables: create a streetscape/neighborhood.
2. Use post-its or cardstock to label the environmental print, street signs, storefronts, neighborhood helpers, cardinal directions.
3. Can you program the Bee-Bot to move around the city?

## CAN YOUR BOT:

- Turn at street corners?
- Repeat a move?
- Go up a low ramp?
- Turn at a 45 degree angle?

