LA’S ORCHESTRA SAVES THE WORLD

Dynamic Text

While *La’s Orchestra Saves the World* can be called a ‘pleasant read’, it is through simple language, vivid imagery and great literary choices that Smith is able to achieve this effect. In this task, we will be bringing the words off the pages of the text and creating a simplified flash version of a dynamic text. Following a tutorial of how to create a flash project using Adobe Flash CS4, you will create an audio file of a passage with dynamic text to accompany it.

For the audio portion of this task:

1. Find a few sentences or lines in the book that spoke to you or that you think conveys a strong message.
2. Create a dramatic recording of the lines using Audacity or Garageband, focusing on the punctuation, the intonation and diction you feel is appropriate. Again, I stress the word dramatic!
3. You can choose whether or not to include a soundtrack for the background of your recording. Remember, it should enhance the words you are displaying.
4. Export your final product as a **.wav** file.

For the dynamic text portion of this task:

1. Open Adobe Flash CS4 and create a new Flash File (ActionScript 3.0).
2. Create a new layer for your audio and import your audio file by clicking “File”, “Import”, then the “Import to Library” tabs.
3. Drag your newly imported audio to the audio layer you have just created.
4. Begin by creating a text box for each of your scenes.
5. Remember to include both Layers; your text layer and your ActionScript layer.
6. Use at least 3 motion tweens that were discussed in the tutorial.
7. You should have at least 15 scenes for this assignment.
8. When you have completed your dynamic text, export it as a movie and upload it to YouTube.

We will view each of your dynamic texts in class after you have completed this task. You should also be completing a 300 word reflection in your blog regarding your experience with this task.