How to put videos into your presentation

First you have to download the video from wherever you found it. There are software programs that you can get for free or very inexpensively on the net if you want to take a clip out of a DVD. Be careful about downloading programs off of the internet because you can get viruses or whatever and really mess up your computer. I have used www.download.cnet.com many times and I have not had any trouble. I also have a folder on my c: drive that I use just for new downloads. After I download anything I scan that folder before I even open it. If you want to download YouTube videos there are also many other ways to do it and I found "18 Free Ways To Download Any Video off the Internet" at www.makeuseof.com/.../18-free-ways-to-download-any-video-off-the-internet/   I have not checked this out so be careful!

I use realplayer to download videos and I also have Firefox and I got a plug-in for it that does the same thing as realplayer. These are free downloads.

Please do not do anything illegal for this presentation! However, the copyright laws are a little more lax for educational purposes and if you are taking a small part out of a large video and you are not profiting from it and are using it only for the purpose of education, it should be legal.

You tube videos are usually very poor quality. Especially the .flv files. If you have the option, you should choose the HD version. These are .mp4 files and will be a much higher quality. Once you get your video, you will need to convert it to a .wmv or .avi file so that you can put it into your PowerPoint. You can play a .mp4 in some common media players, but not .flv files. It is always better to put the file into the PowerPoint if you can. You can also find the programs to do the conversion at www.download.cnet.com and you can also find websites that will do it for you. If one thing doesn't work, try another. Sometimes it is hit or miss.

The next big problem that people have is that students think that the video is in the PowerPoint. It is not. The computer only makes a link to the video, so when you put your PowerPoint on your flash drive and bring it to school, your video is left on your computer at home.

The best way to fix this problem is to package your PowerPoint for CD. This will create one file that has your PowerPoint, your videos, music, and pictures all in one place. You can then move this file to anywhere you want and your PowerPoint remains intact. If you just put your videos on your flash drive and then transfer them to my computer you will need to go back into your PowerPoint and re-insert them into your presentation because the location of the video has now changed and the link that PPT has created will no longer work.

To Package for CD

1. In Office 2007, click on the office button in the top left hand corner of your screen, go down to publish, then over and up and click on "Package for CD". In Office 2003, click on file and click on "Package for CD".
2. In "Name the CD", put in the name of your presentation. Then click on "Copy to Folder".
3. Click "Browse" and click on the location where you want to save your folder. Then click "OK"
4. Then click "Yes"