Project 1: Loops
Due: Monday, September 29th at 2pm in DISCUSSIONS on Canvas

This assignment asks you to think about media outside conventional linear thinking, in which our viewing experience typically leads straight from point A to point B. Instead, your task with this project is to new pieces of looping media.

Make at least 5 loops:

2 Vines (that include attention to looping sound!)
1 GIF made from still images you shoot, capture, or create
1 GIF made from a video clip
1 whatever you want!

Post them to Discussions on Canvas

Post a link to your Vines and upload GIFs directly to the appropriate Discussion.

INCLUDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR GOALS AND INTENDED MEANING FOR EACH LOOP. This can be just a couple sentences.

Preparing your loops

You can think about this project in several ways. Based on your readings and discussions in class, what kinds of loops do you want to make? Illustrations? Reactions? Mash-ups? Cinemagraphs/Art GIFs? Evidential GIFs?

Do you want the media to seamlessly loop, so we don’t know exactly where the beginning “seam” is? Or is the pleasure of watching it more about seeing the action restart?

Spend time thinking about why we take pleasure in animated GIFs – and spend time watching them loop repeatedly.

How to

Vine

Use your own smartphone or check out an iPod Touch from JASS. If using the JASS iPod, you’ll need to log in (and LOG OUT) of the Vine app.


See also this FAQ: https://support.twitter.com/groups/54-mobile-apps/topics/227-other-applications/articles/20170317-faqs-about-vine
Once you've made your Vine, go to [http://vine.co](http://vine.co) and log in using the same credentials you used in the app. Find the Vine you want to share, then click the three vertical dots in the upper right hand corner. Choose "View post page," then copy and paste the URL and the top (or choose embed). If using a UM-D iPod Touch, BE SURE TO LOG OUT! (Profile>Settings>Log Out)

**GIFs**

**Photoshop (for those with experience):**

1) Draw an original animated GIF. Tutorials:
   [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9TN5tPcfIs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9TN5tPcfIs) and

2) Make an animated GIF from video. Tutorials:
   [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKrjTtgIUbE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKrjTtgIUbE)

**Note 1:** You don't need a lot of frames to make a successful animated GIF. The more frames you use, the bigger the file size will be. Don’t let it get more than 1 MB!

**Note 2:** You can easily download YouTube videos from [http://www.keepvid.com](http://www.keepvid.com) (use a browser other than Chrome)

**Using an online service**

There are lots of websites that allow you to easily and automatically make GIFs in all kinds of ways.

- [http://makeagif.com](http://makeagif.com): Use individual pictures, your webcam, a YouTube URL, etc.
- [http://imgflip.com/gifgenerator](http://imgflip.com/gifgenerator): Use a video URL to create a GIF