

Using Screencast-O-Matic

Screencast-O-Matic is a free online screen recorder for instant screen capture video sharing. It can be accessed at <http://www.screencast-o-matic.com/>.

1. To use Screencast-O-Matic, register and agree to the terms of service. Slight changes are made periodically, so check to see if there are differences each time before making a recording.
2. Click the button that says to start recording. You may be prompted to download the launcher application on your desktop or to run an application. This is a brief process.
3. Once the launcher application is in place, a rectangle with dotted lines will appear. "Grab" the corners to make it smaller or larger so the assignment fits inside of it. Go to the document to be reviewed and open it on the screen. Make the dotted frame fit around the area. The screen will capture whatever is showing, even when multiple pages are viewed. When one page is finished, pause the recording and then move to the next page and continue recording.
4. Click on the red recording button and check to make sure the green bars that indicate sound is being recorded are evident. There are 15 minutes of recording time available. Writing some notes on the paper for points of reference makes it easier to do the recording with the explanation of ways to make improvements.
5. Once the recording is complete, it can be published to Screencast-O-Matic files or saved to the computer in an MP4 or other format. A URL will be provided of this visual and audio recording so that it can be sent in an email to a student.

Here is a sample audio script of how you might respond to a student:

Hi, Serena! You have a strong first draft here. I can tell that you did a lot of research before beginning your writing. Do you think the paper could be even better if you worked on the organization of your ideas? For instance, you introduce the reader to the three reasons why you argue that there were three main elements that contributed to the Cuban revolution. But the research you cite comes from three different time periods, and the way you present it is out of order. Work on reorganizing the order you use to present the elements.