

Editing Audio with AudioMass, Part 1: Trim and Shape a Clip

40 minutes

Following My Interests Online

Outcome 3.8

WHAT THIS LESSON DOES

Students load a clip into AudioMass, cut the unwanted opening, trim to exactly thirty seconds and fade both ends.

CURRICULUM OUTCOMES

Outcome	What the specification asks for
3.8	create a digital montage on a specific topic of interest from images sourced online while applying learning regarding copyright, fair use, plagiarism, and intellectual property ownership

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO

- Name the three kinds of audio and what each one does
- Read a waveform and use it to select part of a sound
- Trim a clip from both ends to an exact length
- Fade a clip in and out so it starts and stops on purpose

BEFORE THE BELL

- AudioMass runs entirely in the browser at audiomass.co. There is nothing to install and no account to make, so it works on school devices and Chromebooks. Nothing is saved when the tab closes, so remind the class at the end of the lesson to save their trimmed clip out to their own folder before they shut anything down.
- Check the site opens on your school network before the lesson. Headphones matter here: thirty devices playing the same creaking door at once is unworkable, so ask the class to bring them and keep a few spare pairs if you can.
- Steps 3, 4 and 5 each carry screenshots of the action inside the activity itself. Put the relevant step on the board before turning the class loose on it, then leave it up while they work so they can follow the pictures rather than waiting on you.
- If a student's cut goes wrong, Edit then Undo puts it back. Get them undoing rather than reloading and starting over, as reloading loses everything.
- Devices with a browser and headphones; a microphone for Part 2.

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HOW THE LESSON RUNS		
3 min	introduction	Start
5 min	content	Three kinds of audio
8 min	activity	Hands-on: Open AudioMass and load the clip
13 min	activity	Hands-on: Trim it to exactly thirty seconds
8 min	activity	Hands-on: Fade in and fade out
3 min	summary	What you covered