

ASSIGNMENT – EDITING AS BOOK

Now that you have explored different structures for editing in the book format, for next week I would like you to export still images from your “Old Master” footage and compose a preliminary edit in book form.

Find a series of still frames that sum up sections of your footage (either all of it or parts you think you want to use) and export them to JPG files (details on the next page). Print these out and arrange them as a book, considering all the things you explored today, as well as the musical and poetic rhythms demonstrated in class.

A few thoughts, ideas:

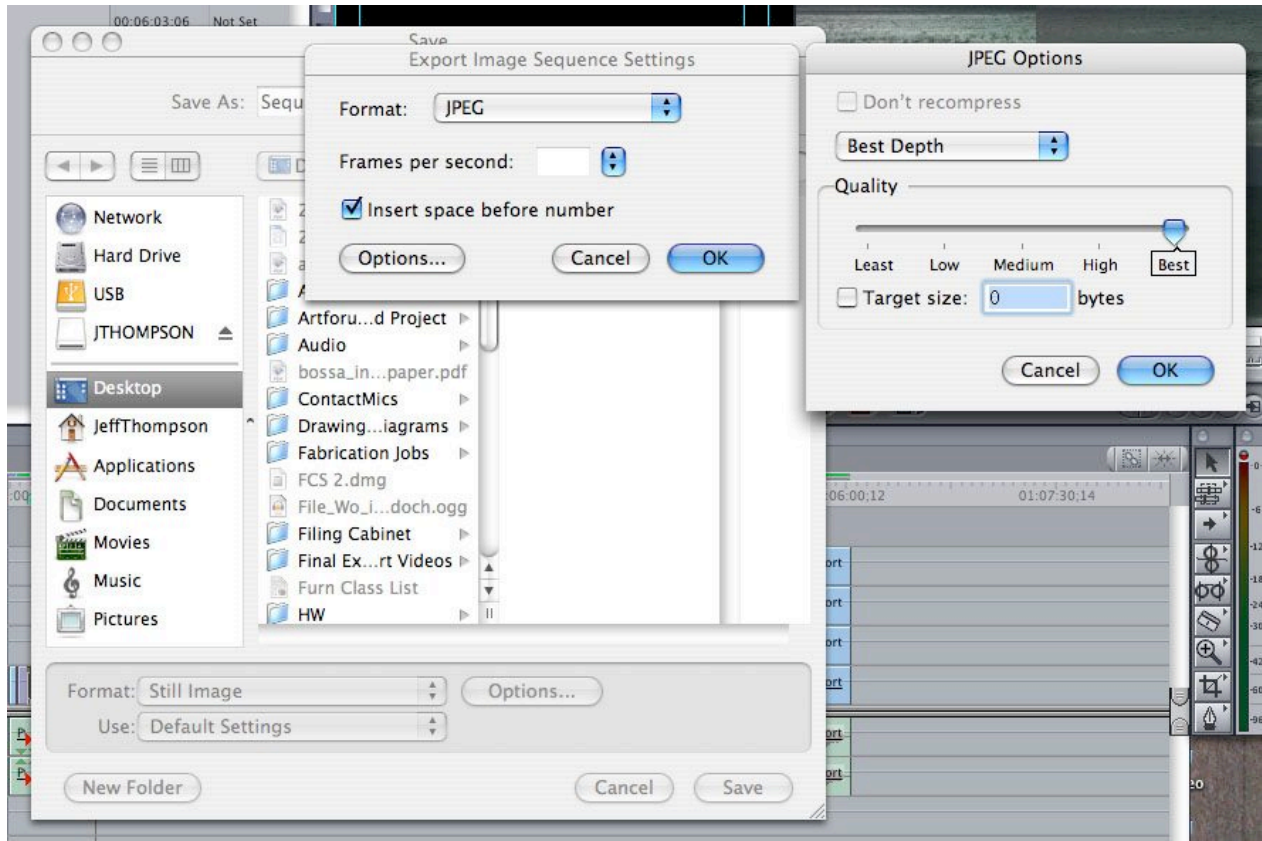
- + You may want to repeat images or sequences, which would mean printing multiple copies.
- + Print more than you think you’ll need so you can pick and choose the best images.
- + Consider the book as an aesthetic object, not just images – you may want to resize the images.
- + You are welcome to alter, cut up, draw on, or in any way change the images to make notations for transitions or other ways of visually changing the videos. These should not be notes like “fade out here” but a visual analog or alternative.
- + I recommend you keep the accordion format since it’s easy to see the whole thing at once, but if you want to change the binding, etc please feel free.

This should be a way for you to experiment and try stuff out without worrying about a perfect final product. This is your sketchbook before you start editing!

What’s due, exactly:

A finished book that pieces together still images of your footage. The book should be ready to pin on the wall and critique at the beginning of class.

Next week: more editing in FinalCut, work in class on editing footage.



To export still images from FinalCut, move the playhead to the frame you want to export, then go to File, Export, Using Quicktime Conversion

From the Format menu select "Still Image"

Then click on the Options button, change the format to JPEG (which will open on any computer)

Finally, click the Options button in the Export Image Sequence Settings menu and change the quality to "Best" (for print, for export to web a lower quality can be selected).

Save the image file, probably numbered sequentially or something that tells you what it looks like.