

EXPLAIN EVERYTHING (APP)



WHAT IS IT?

This is a great app to assist you in providing great feedback to the students in both written, aural and picture format – all at the same time! The feedback can be given while you are listening or listening/viewing the students recorded performance tests or providing written/aural feedback on a picture/document embedded into this program. In a music class, there are so many things that you wish you had more time to tell the students about their playing ... things they do well and things they could/should improve upon.

HOW COULD IT BE USEFUL IN A MUSIC CLASS?

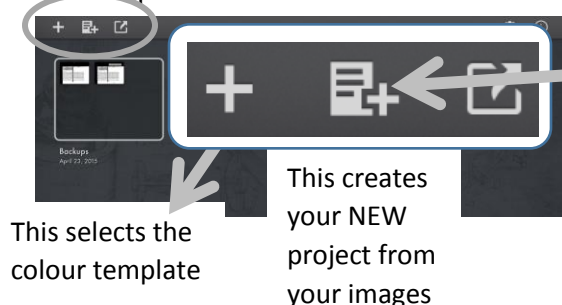
When I listen to performance tests, either done live or recorded, there are so many 'pieces' of information that I would like to share/demonstrate with my students. When I do performance tests live, I find that it is challenging to keep the majority of the students occupied for the 2 periods it takes to get through the entire class. When I have had them record them, I find that I can't write enough information especially when it comes to correcting some of their articulations of rhythms and let's face it – they don't always spend the time reading it. This app provides allows a teacher to provide the descriptive feedback that students need to growth and develop as musicians. I can overlay my voice on top of their playing. I could insert a copy of what they are playing and highlight/circle trouble spots (e.g. writing the counts, show them they are early, sing/play their part where they had troubles etc.), I can also show them how it should sound ... sing in the articulation.

Other uses could be to explain intervals or chords or other concepts Its especially helpful for the times when you have multiple lessons or a variety of levels with the learners in your classroom.

TO BEGIN

Before you begin ensure that you have your photos/videos/audio files that you wish to access in either your photo library, dropbox or google drive etc.

1. On the top left hand side there are three symbols (+ ; a page with +; and an box with an arrow).

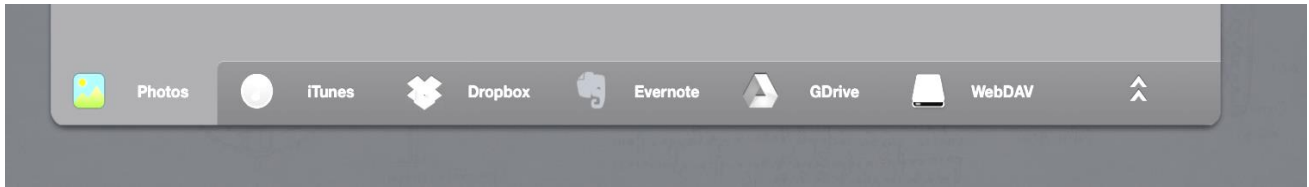


Select the **MIDDLE** symbol (page with a +), to get started.

This selects the colour template


This creates your NEW project from your images

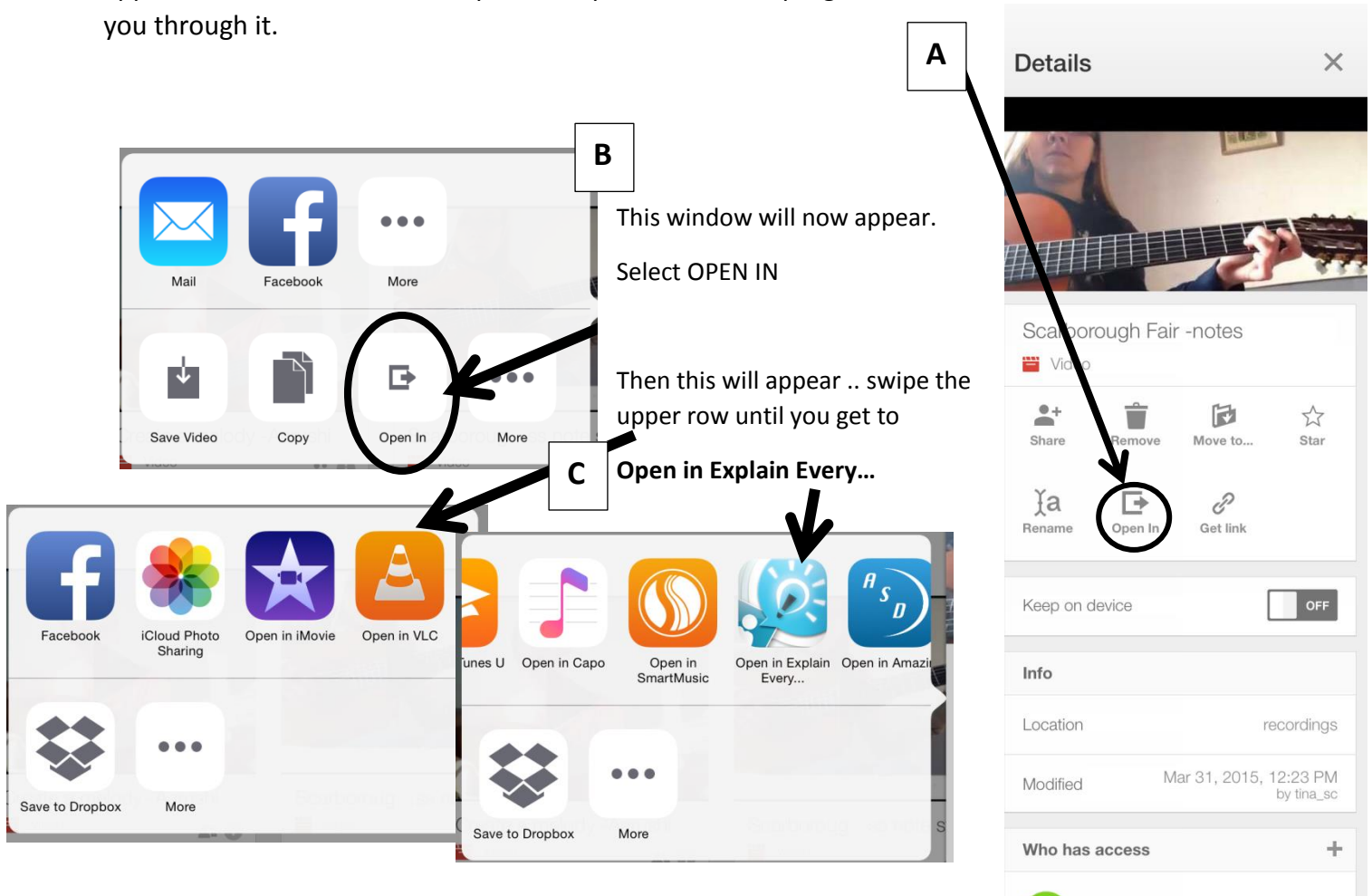
2. Select the appropriate filing system where your videos/recordings are saved (options are indicated at the bottom of the screen) of the student work. I use either dropbox or Gdrive for school related work



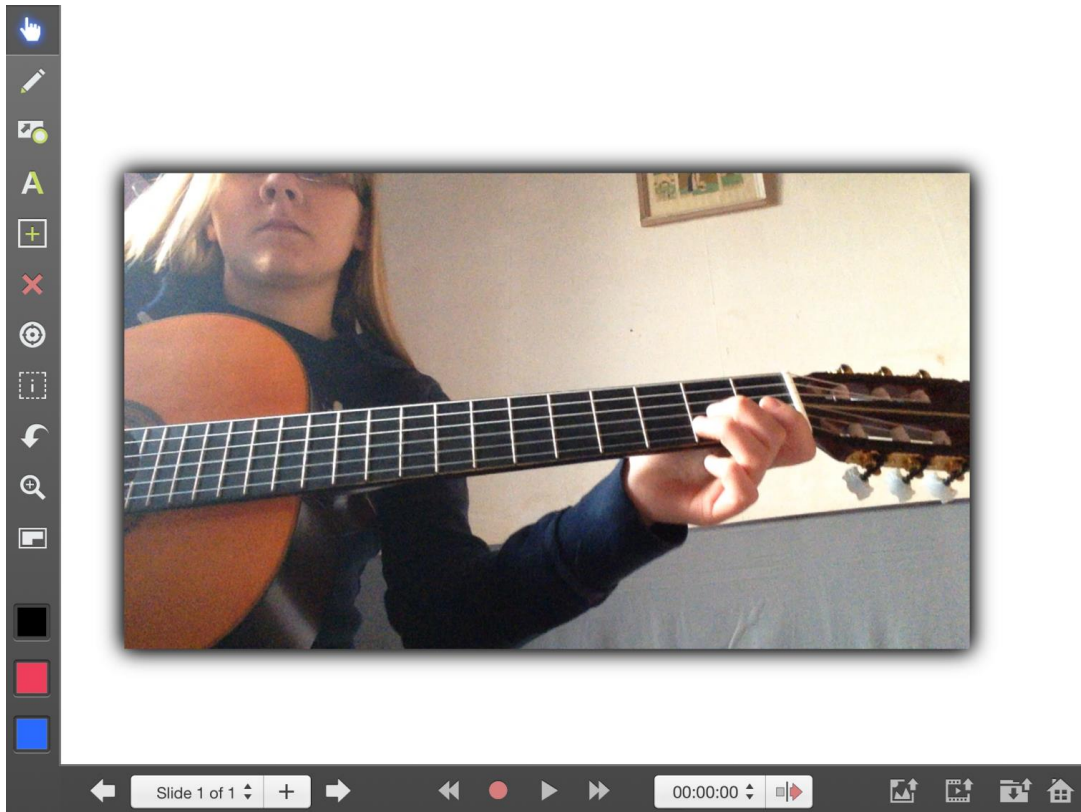
3. Select the student file you wish to work with ... once it says loaded select DONE; then it will take you to a new file and select CHOOSE (right hand corner in blue).

I had some *TROUBLE* loading a video from google drive that a student had sent me.

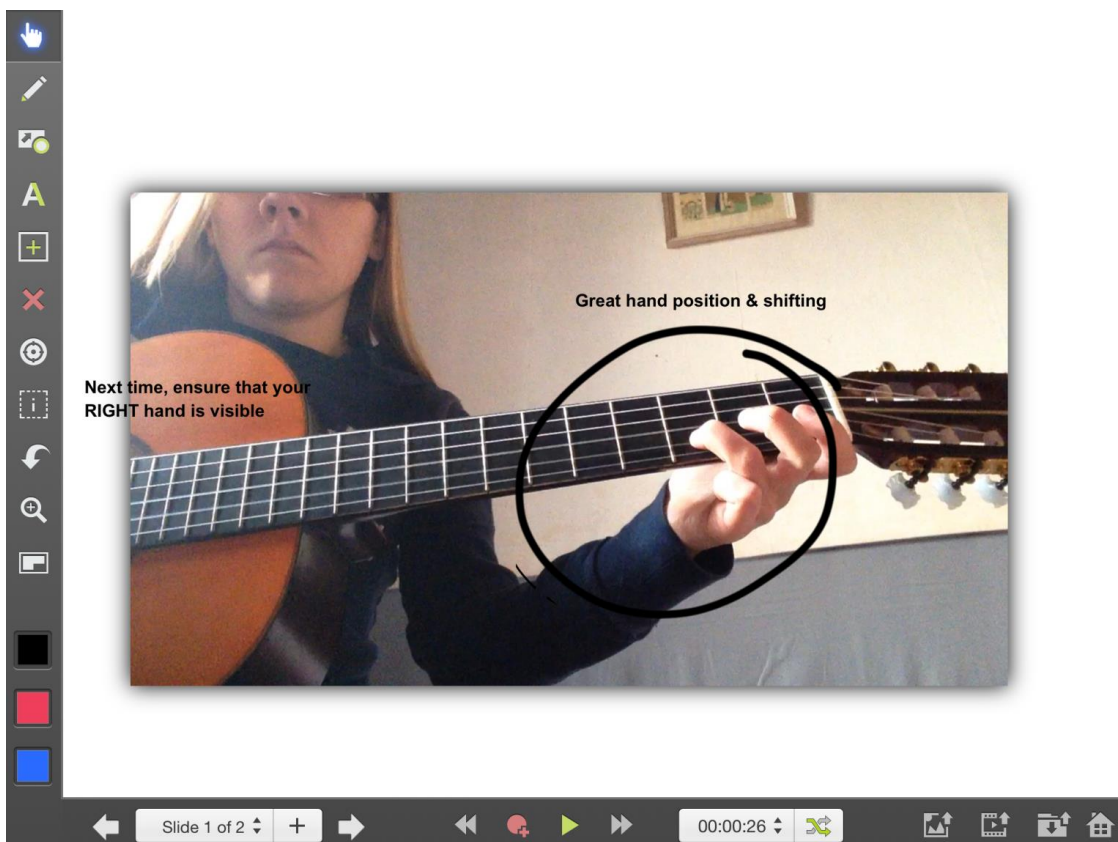
But no worries, I discovered if I opened the video on my iPad and clicked on the , a NEW window appeared and allowed me the *option* to open in different programs. Here are the screen shots to walk you through it.



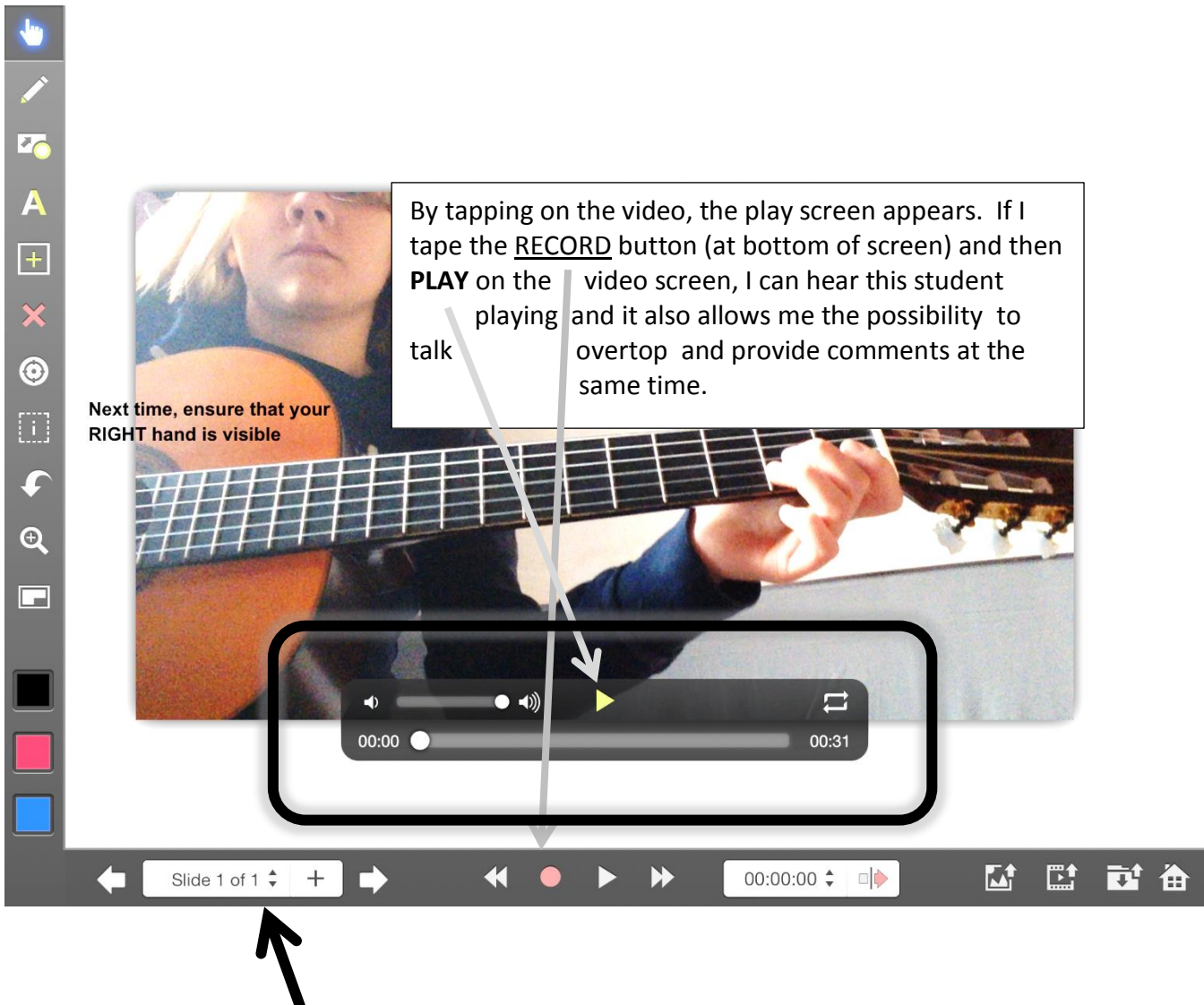
4. Your video, audio or picture file will now be uploaded into Explain Everything. This is what mine looked like.



5. I can now play and watch the video, I can add text boxes, additional pictures and even my own voice. In this view, I have added some written comments.

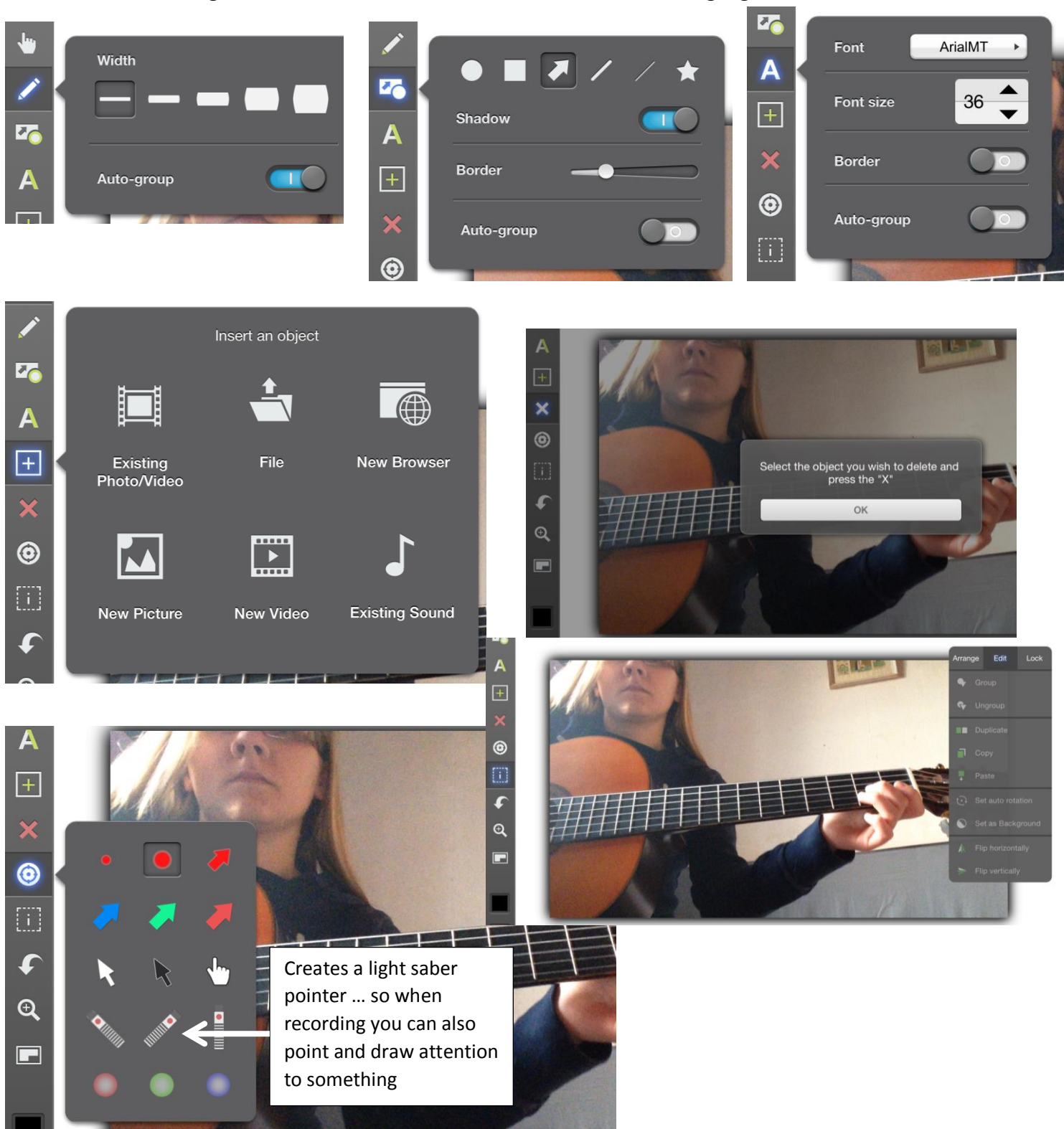


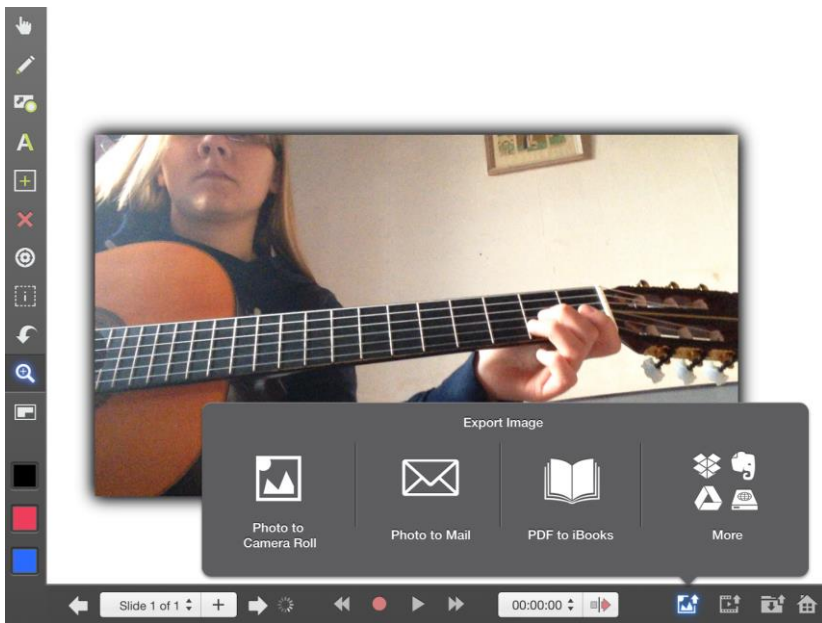
6. I have also added some recorded comments while the video plays in the back ground.



7. Additional slides can be added, which means I can take a picture of something and insert and discuss it on the next slide, again providing very *rich* feedback to the student.

8. Each item along the side and bottom has its own feature, which is highlighted below.



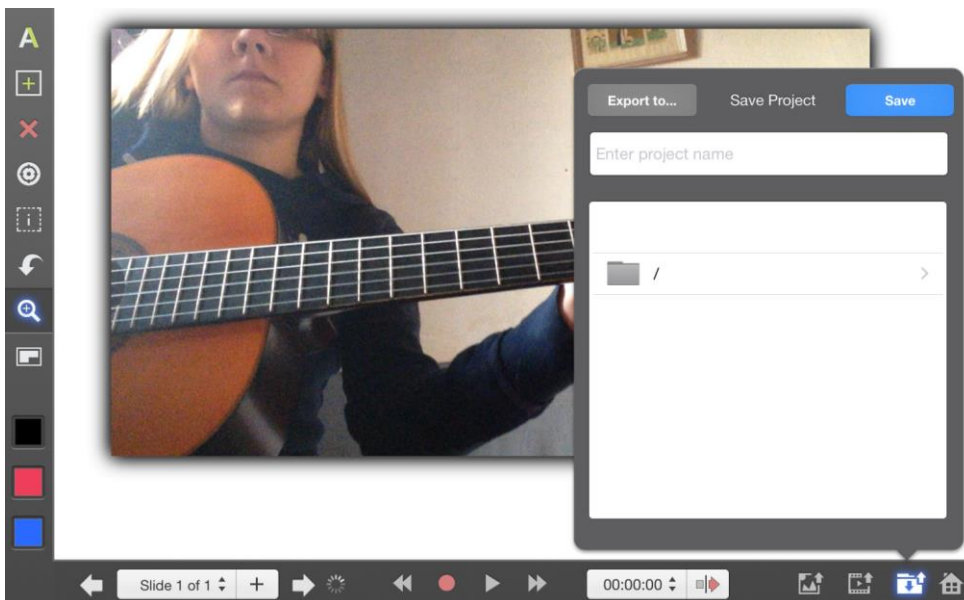


9. There are a few options for saving/exporting it.

For images, it can just be exported to the filing system you like to use with your students. My preference is google drive. You could also create an iBook if you have a mac computer.



10. If you were recording comments, then its best to export in a video format and again there are many options.



10. Creating titles of each of your assessment pieces.