



Video Recording Tips

Save this checklist and use it before submitting your video!

1. Turn off your air conditioner while recording to avoid background noise.
2. Make sure you are looking into the camera while recording, as if you are speaking directly to the audience.
3. Use a separate microphone if you have one, rather than your laptop or phone's built-in mic. Make a test video and listen to the sound, can we hear you clearly?
4. If you can find a way to hold it steady while recording, use the camera on your phone (or a real camera) rather than a laptop webcam. The video quality is usually much higher. A simple tripod can help keep it steady. Or as another option, you can always lean it on something you have laying around the house.
5. On camera, people tend to blink a lot, so try your best not to blink too much if you can!
6. Try to record yourself somewhere with nice lighting and background if at all possible. Avoid filming in dark areas or in front of blank walls.
7. Get into it! Be enthusiastic, and don't forget to smile.
8. Have fun, and thank you for taking the **#OConnorCivicsChallenge!**