

Website Creation Tips

- Change your home page often and keep it interesting
- Resist the urge to put everything on your home page
- Use your own photos; this will make things much easier and adds to a visually appealing design
- Use high-quality photos; don't use blurry shots
- Think of who will be visiting your site and think about what they would like to know
- Begin with 3-5 core pages; start with information that is most important
- Consider keeping your top navigation links at 6 or less; use subpages for drop-down menus or hide pages and link to them with buttons
- Consider how you want to organize your site from the beginning
- View other class website and note things you like and things you don't like
- If you have lots of information to include, consider a bulleted or numbered list, using dividers and/or spacers, font sizing, breaking it up with photos, and using multiple columns
- Keep fonts and formatting consistent across all the pages of your site
- Use black fonts on light backgrounds and white or gray fonts on dark backgrounds; color fonts often compete with your theme
- Keep your design polished and professional; avoid clutter
- Be extremely mindful of copyright when adding content and images to your website; be certain to cite sources if needed
- If your Weebly site gets stuck with a Loading message, refresh the page from the browser's address bar
- Use Flash sparingly; Flash files won't show up on an Apple device
- Keep it simple by keeping Weebly's default settings