Using the JVC GC-FM1 Camcorder

NOTE: In classroom settings, it is not recommended that students share media cards for assignments; additionally, use a media card that will allow you to maintain files for the entire semester.

1. Set up camcorder
   a. Insert SD memory card – 4GB will record about 1.5 hours of video
   b. Press Power button
   c. Check available memory and battery level. Replace the memory card or connect to a computer with a USB cable to charge the battery as needed.

2. Shooting tips
   • Closer is better! During the interview, the camera should be as close to the subject as possible.
   • Speak Up! The speaker has to be loud enough to be heard; the recording level is not adjustable.
   • See & Hear the background! Don’t let background visuals or sound distract from your subject.
   • Beware of "backlighting!" Don’t capture the subject against a bright background.
   • Use a mini-tripod or tripod! Stabilize the camera for sharper video.

3. Shoot video
   a. Press the OK button to start recording.
   b. Count to ten.
   c. Record action.
      a. After action ends, count to ten.
      b. Press OK again to stop recording.

4. View video
   a. Press Play to see video list.
   b. Use the control button to select the video you want to view.
   c. Press the OK button to view video.
   d. Press Play again to go back to camera view.