

# Epicurean Video Production Thread (Especially Blender and Other Open Source Video Software)

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Ok, as of now a handful of people have gotten the sneak peak of the video I'm working on called "The Early Epicureans". I thought I would take some time to outline the process so far.

- The Map
  - I started this project by taking a map from 5th Century Greece from the Wikimedia Commons website. The license for the map is Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International. "Share-alike" means that anything I make with the map has to use the same license--It has to be Creative Commons, and I have to give attribution to the creator of the map. Creator: *Fut.Per.*
  - Link: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Anci...century\\_B.C.svg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Anci...century_B.C.svg)
- Editing the Map
  - The first editing I did was to upload the map to BeFunky, an online Photo editor. (Need a better alternative to this...) I recolored the map to black and white, and then gave it a warmer tint.
- Blender: Used for; Animation
  - I installed Blender 3.5, a free, open source 3D computer graphics software used for modeling, animation, rendering, and much more.
  - I imported the map as a texture, allowing me to altar it's surface from a flat plane to a more paper-like texture. The video above shows how to do this.
  - I then animated the in-software camera to follow a path around the map, and rendered this animation in several segments and still frames.
- OpenShot Video Editor.
  - I installed the latest version of OpenShot, and began to edit the animations and still frames into a video.
  - I also imported several audiovisual assets for use in the video. With one public domain exception, all of them are licensed Creative Commons Non-Commercial Attribution Share-Alike or similar.
    - Audio Files
      - J. S. Bach, Cello Suite 1 in G major
        - License: Public Domain
        - Link:  
<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/comm...r%C3%A9lude.ogg>
      - "Light a match Sound Effect"
        - Creator: Garuda 1982

- License: Creative Commons Attribution 4.0
  - Link: <https://openverse.org/audio/43ee365e...=candle%20video>
- "Guitar Strumming Verse pt. 2"
  - Creator: deleted\_user\_2968900 (?)
  - License: Creative Commons Attribution 4.0
  - Link: <https://freesound.org/people/deleted.../sounds/269048/>
- "Relaxing Forest Birds Chirping in the North Woods"
  - Creator: taavhaap
  - License: Creative Commons Attribution 4.0
  - Link: <https://freesound.org/people/taavhaap/sounds/528661/>
- Visual Files
  - Burning Candle from opening title
    - Creator: MixailMixail
    - License: <https://pixabay.com/service/terms/>
    - Link: <https://pixabay.com/videos/candle-...ess-light-4101/>
  - Burning Candle from end credits
    - Creator: HopeShop Dyani
    - License: <https://www.pexels.com/license/>
    - Link: <https://www.pexels.com/video/lighted-candle-4506677/>

The video will be uploaded to the YouTube channel of [Cassius](#) Amicus in the coming few days, as soon as I can figure out the best way to get it to him. The license for the video itself will be Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International.