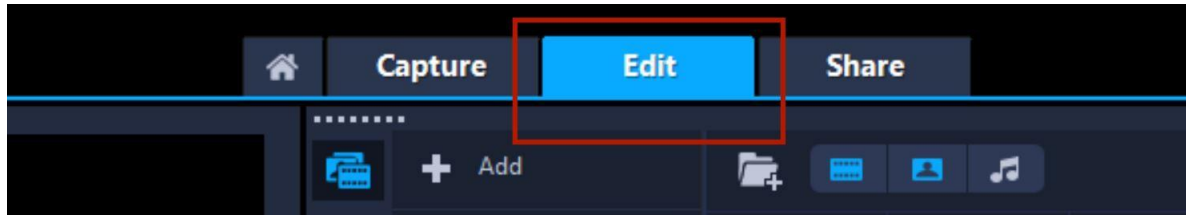# Creating Basic Titles in VideoStudio

VideoStudio Pro is full of basic, but important, features. Titling is one of them.
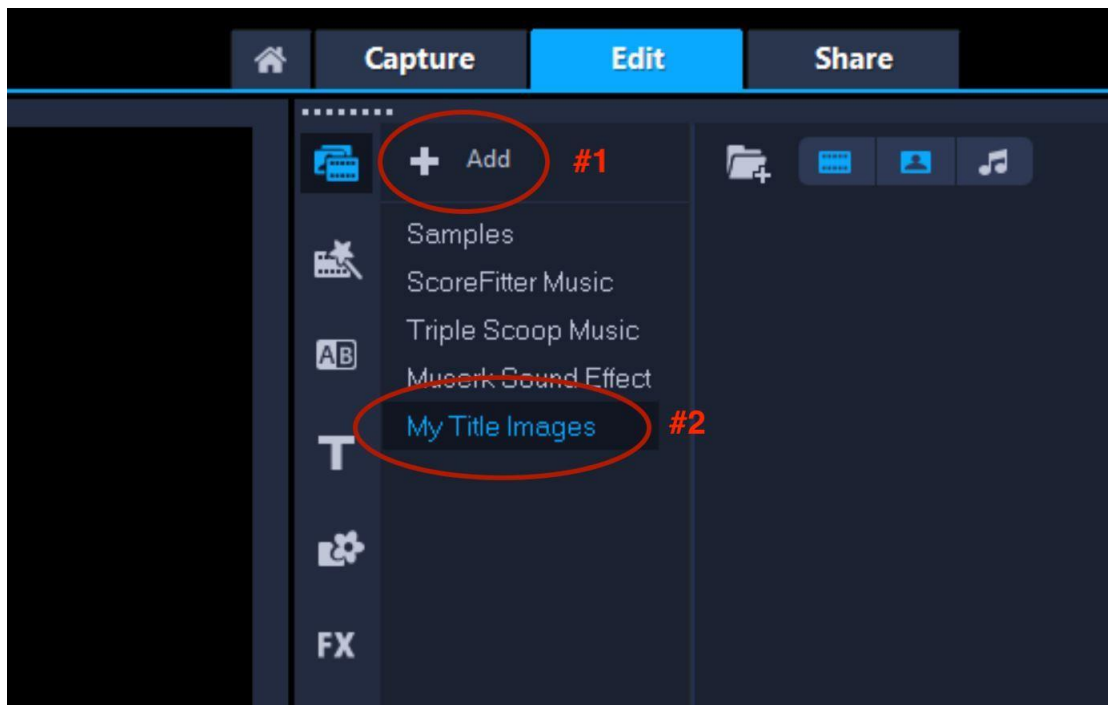
Adding titles to your videos can make them easier to follow, add additional details and/or make them more accessible to the viewer. This tutorial covers the basics of adding titles.

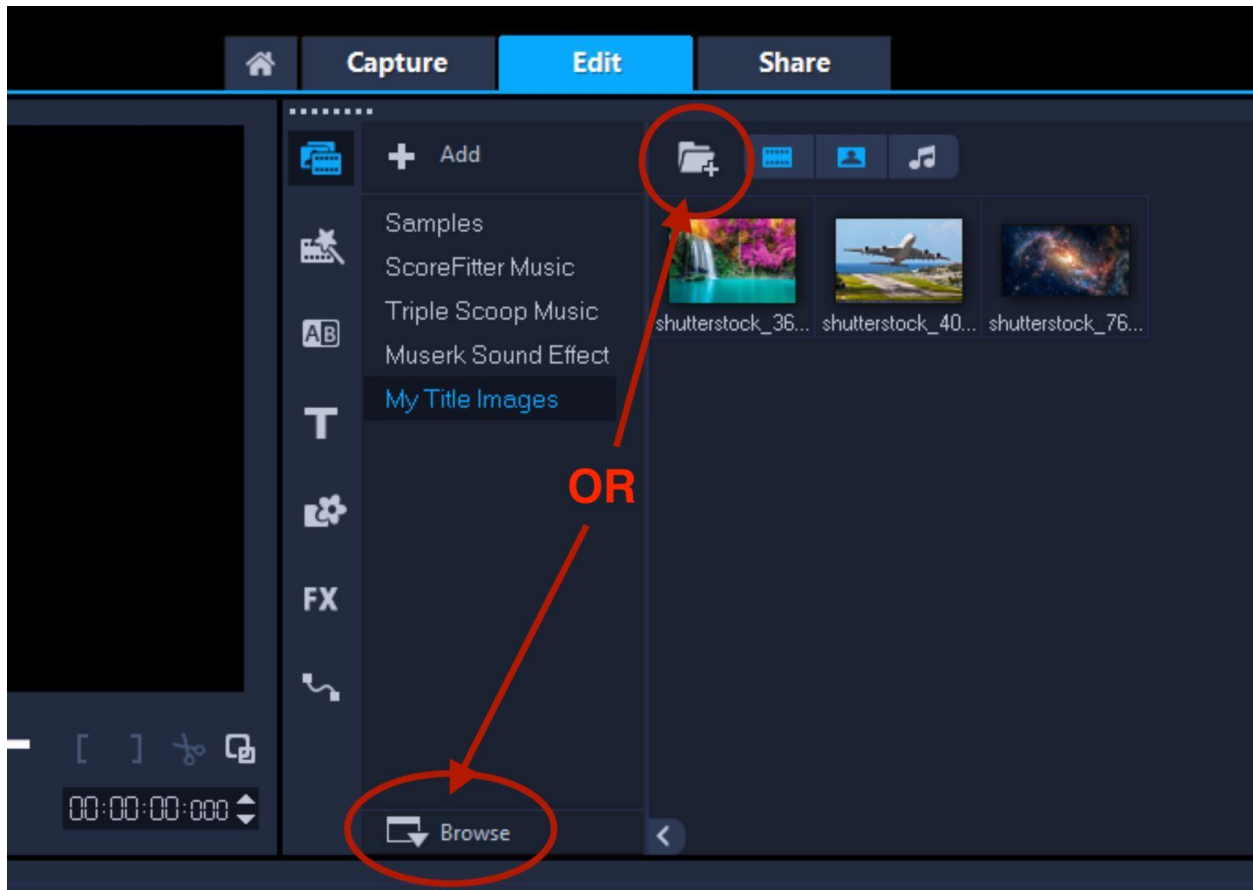Let's get started. Open VideoStudio into the **Edit** tab



Although it's obvious that you can add titles to videos, you can also add titles to a slideshow of still images. So that we can showcase several titles, that's what we'll do for this project.
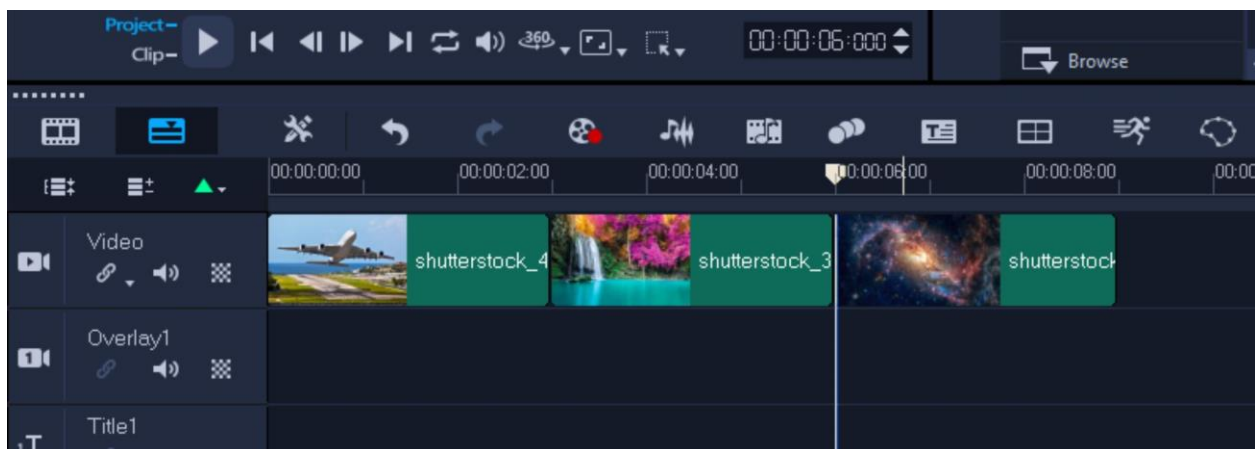
In the **Media** folder of your **Library** panel, click the **+ Add** icon to create a new folder for your images. Name it **My Title Images**.
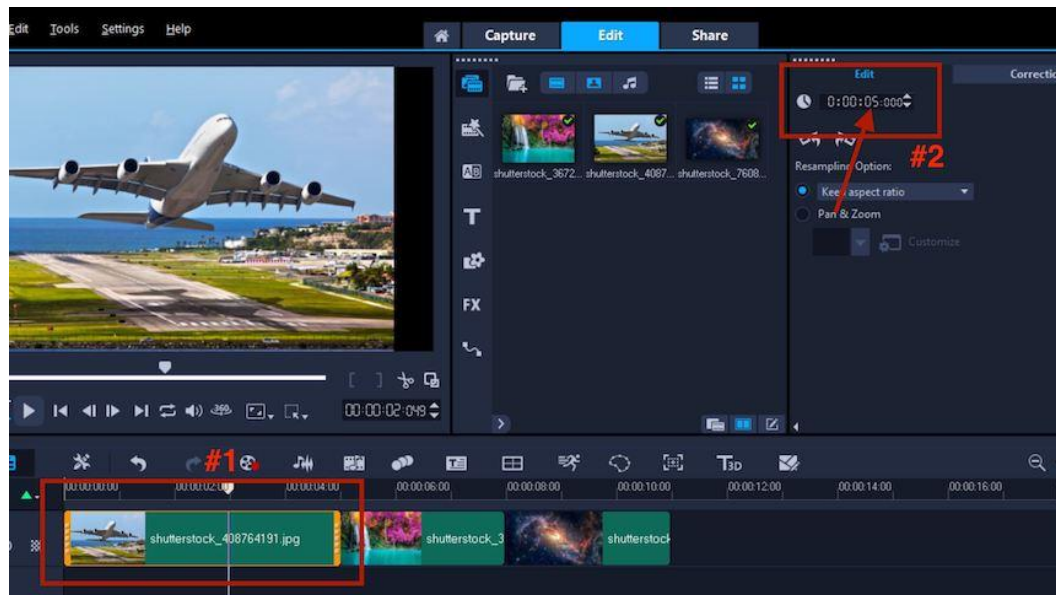
Using either the **Import Media Files** or **Browse** icons, import the 3 sample images into your new folder.



Place the 3 images into the video track of the timeline. Notice they will automatically be placed starting at the beginning of the track, with the rest dropped in sequentially after that. VideoStudio does not allow for any blank spaces on your video track.
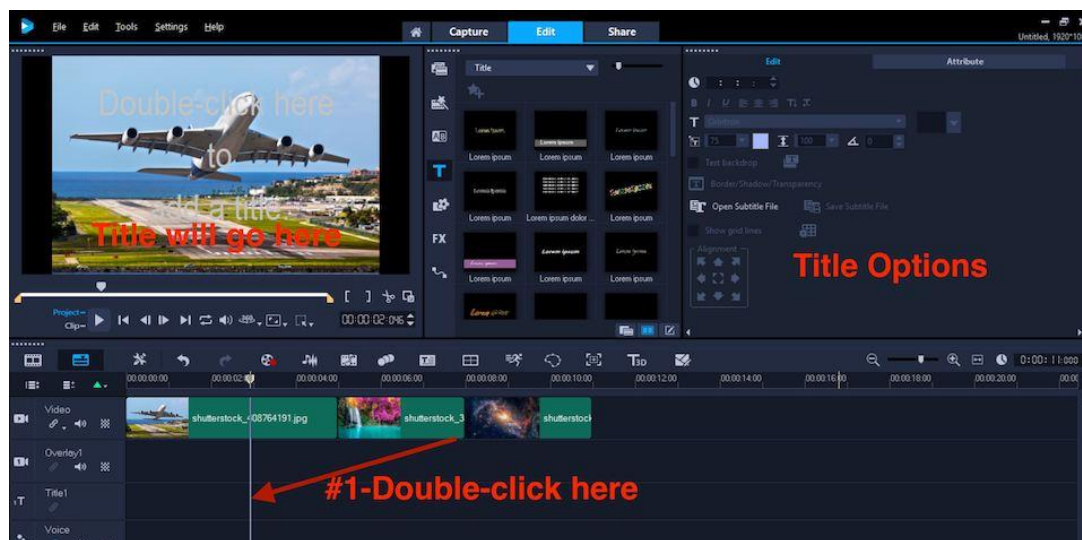
Double-click on each image in the video track to bring up the **Image Options** panel. Making sure the **Edit** tab is at the front, set each clip's duration from **3** seconds to **5** seconds. Hit **Enter** after each one to set it and to see each duration change in the timeline.
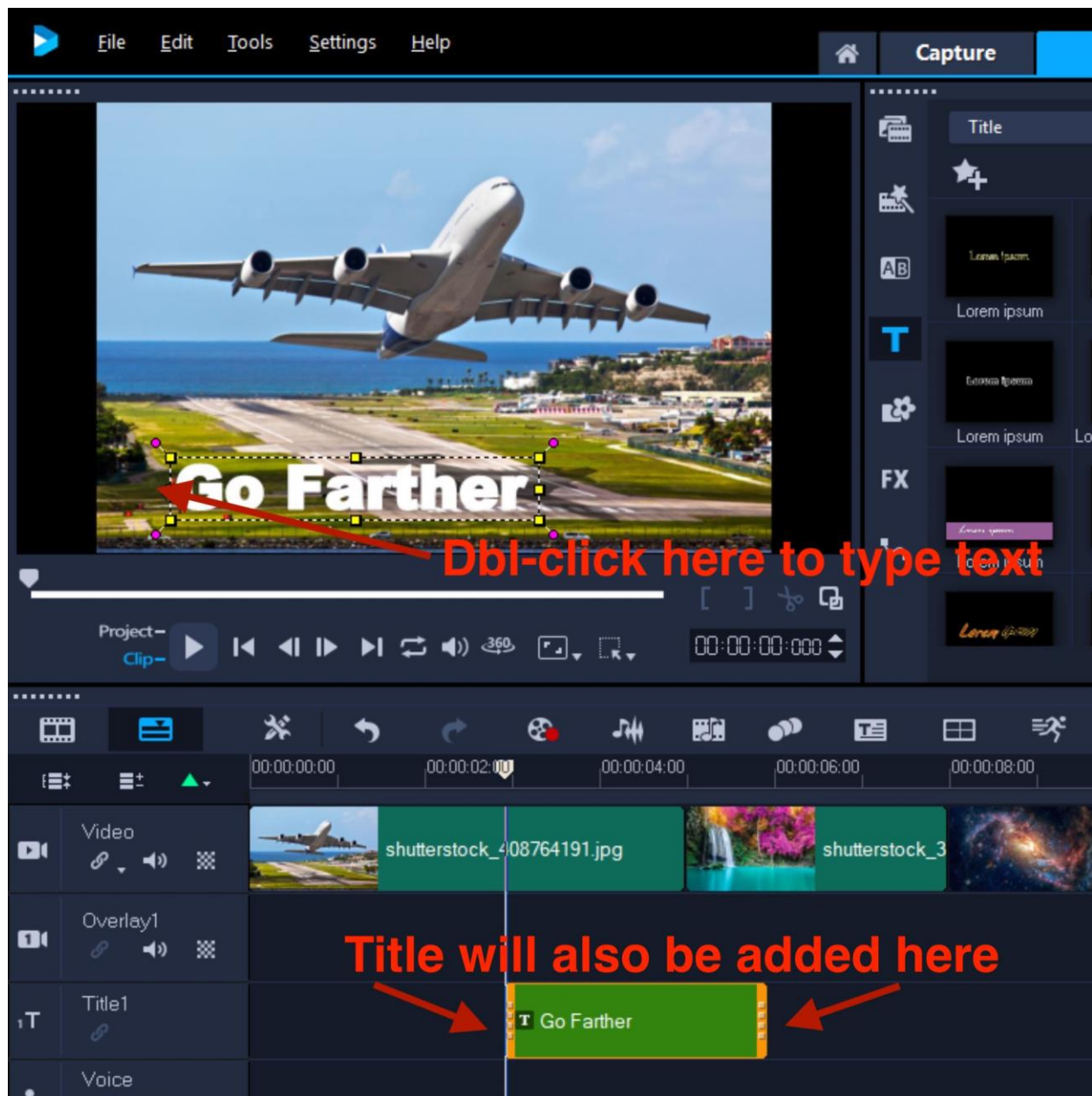


Let's start with a basic title from scratch.

Double-click anywhere in the Timeline's **Title** track under the first image (nothing will actually appear there yet). The **Title** gallery and title **Options** windows will open. In the **Preview** window, you will see the words **Double-click here to add title**.

Wherever you double-click in the **Preview** is where your title will be placed, but it can be moved afterwards.

In the **Preview** window, double-click towards the lower left corner and type the words "Go Farther". Your text format may vary. It's okay, we'll change it. Click outside the text container to set the text.



Around your text are various small **yellow squares, pink dots and one green dot (handles).**
- Grab the pink handles to rotate the text box around its center.
- Grab any of the yellow handles to resize your text.
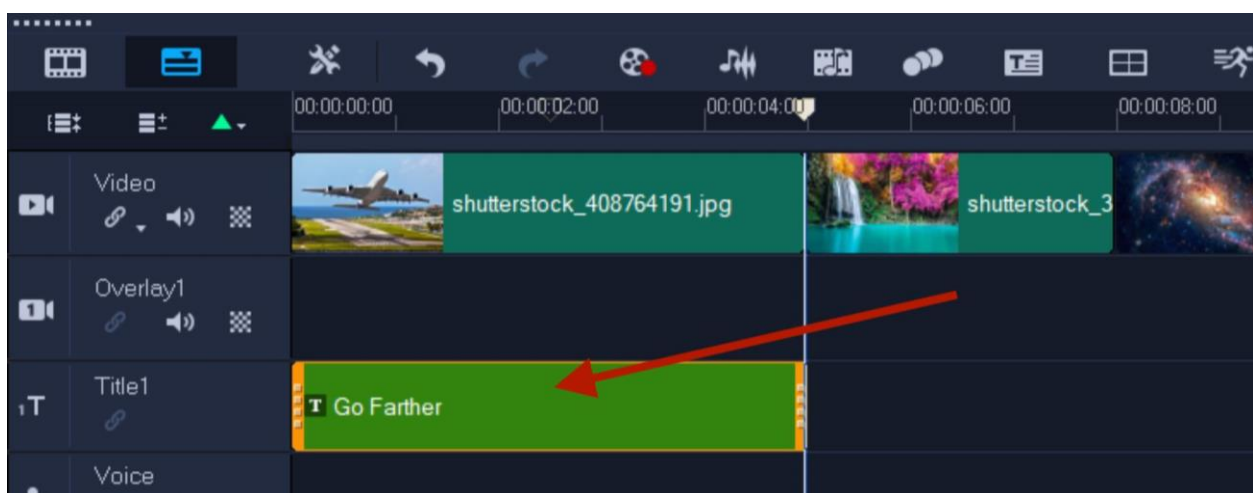- Grab the green handle to drag out a drop shadow.
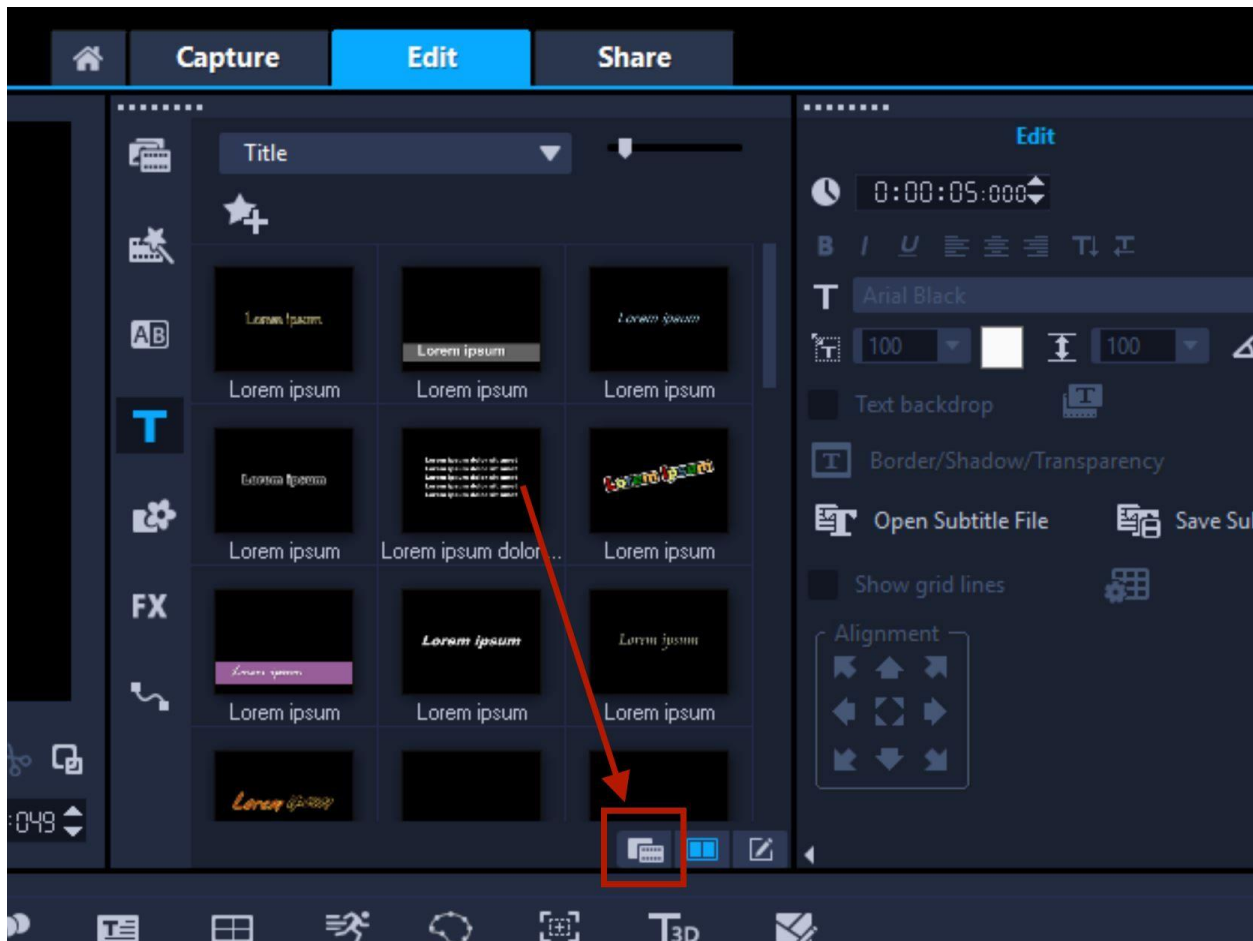
Keep any changes you make, or undo.

Center your text near the bottom center, but not all the way at the bottom. Your title will be centered once you see the vertical red dotted line appear.

**Note**: Avoid placing text at the very edges of your window as the final viewing screen might cut parts of it off.

In your timeline, make sure the length of each title matches that of the image. Grab the edges to stretch out the length. Grab inside the clip to move it along the timeline.
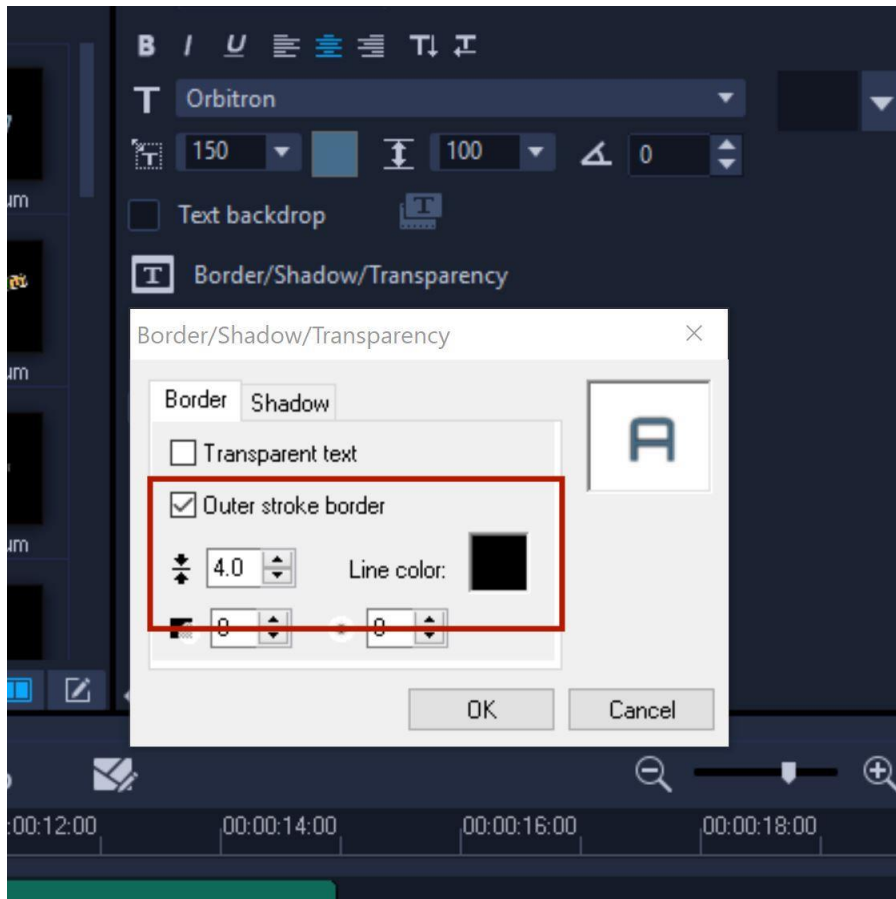
Format the text in the **Title Options** panel. If this panel is not open, double-click your title in the timeline. Expand the **Options** panel by clicking the **Show Options panel** icon.
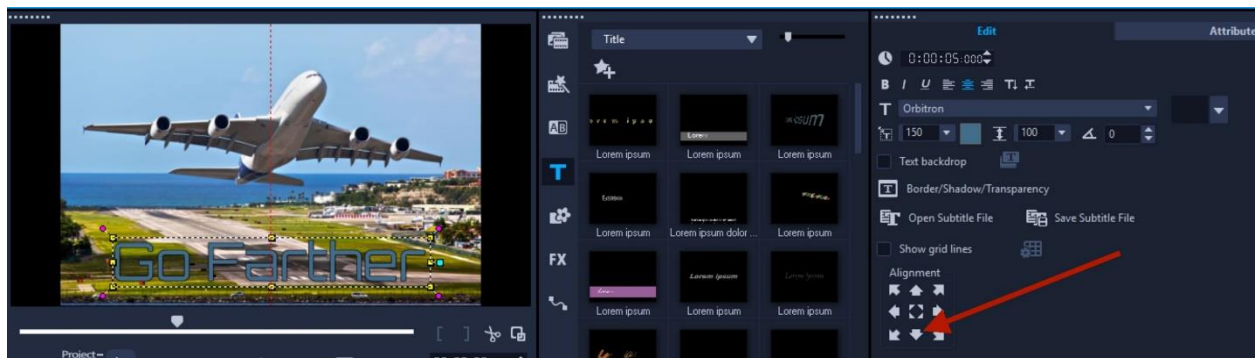


Using the following screenshots as a guide, (you can use any values you like)
- Change the **font** to Orbitron
- Change the **font size** to 150
- Change the **font color**. (bottom row, 4th from left) You can also select a color from the Corel or Windows color picker in the same window.
- Click **Border, Shadow or Transparency**. Check "Outer stroke border and set border to 4.0, Line color to black). Click OK.
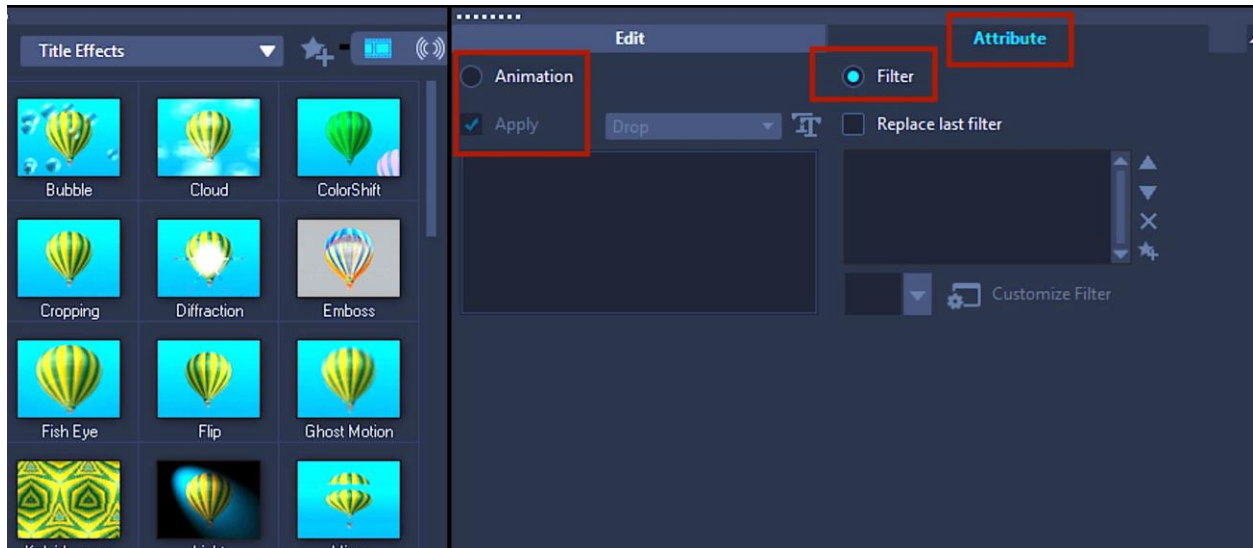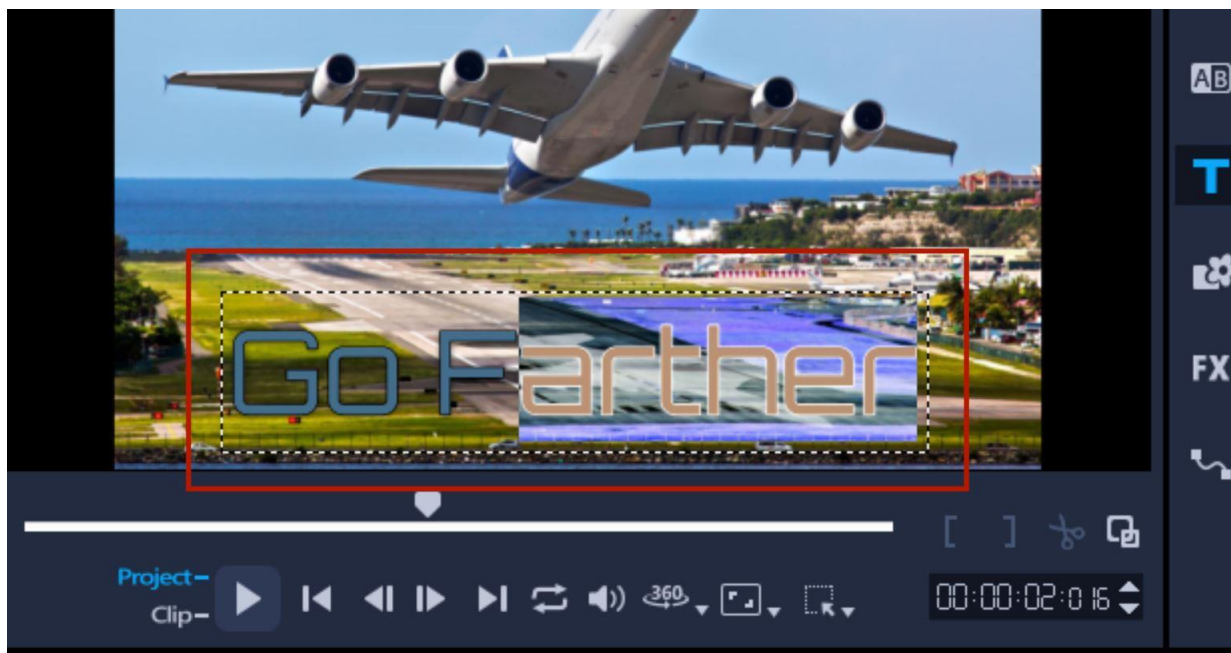
Set **Alignment**. (bottom, center)



Click the **Attributes** tab adjacent to the Title Options **Edit** tab. Although we won't cover these features in this tutorial, feel free to experiment with animation and filter effects.

- To add an animation, select the **Animation** radio button, check the **Apply** checkbox and choose an animation from the various dropdowns and lists.
- To add a filter, click the **Filter** radio button. The **Title Effects** library (FX) will appear to the left of the options panel. Drag and drop any of the Title Effects directly onto a title in your timeline.
- To turn them all off, select the **Animation** radio button and uncheck **Apply**.
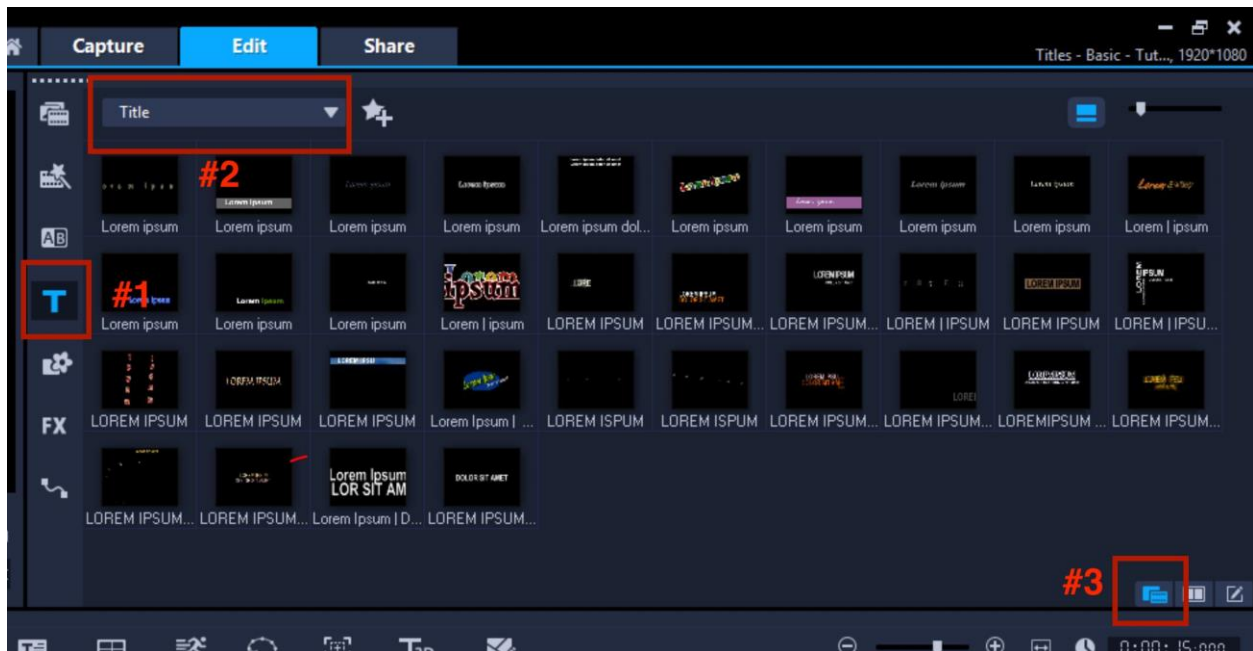
Whenever you want to change the wording of your text, double-click on it in the **Preview** window and make any changes like you would do in a word processor.
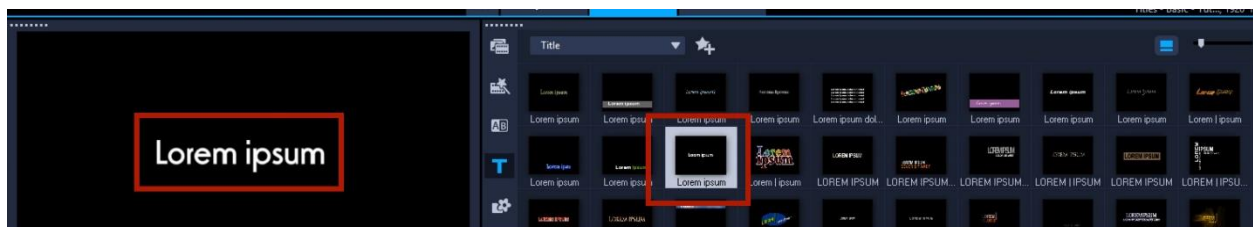


Let's now try a couple of the many animated title templates available.

- Click the **T** to open the **Title** library.
- Choose **Title** from the Gallery drop-down.
- Click the **Show Library Panel** icon in the lower right of the library panel to close the options window and expand the **Titles** library.
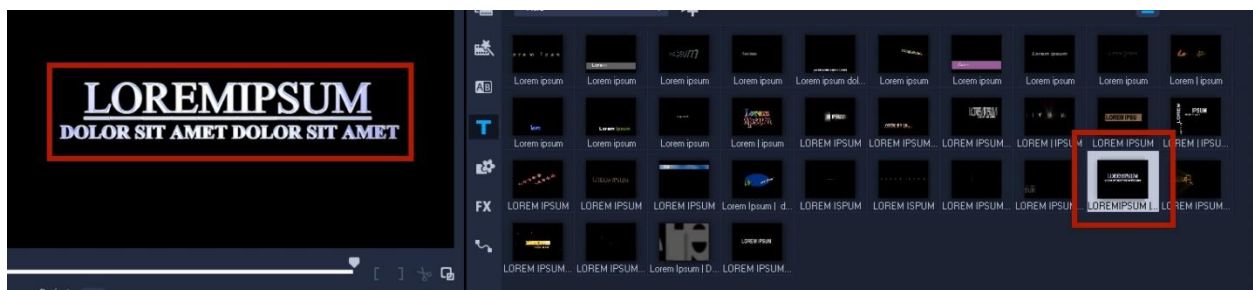
Click on the 13th title in the gallery into the Timeline (see screenshot below). You should see a preview of it animating in the **Preview** window.
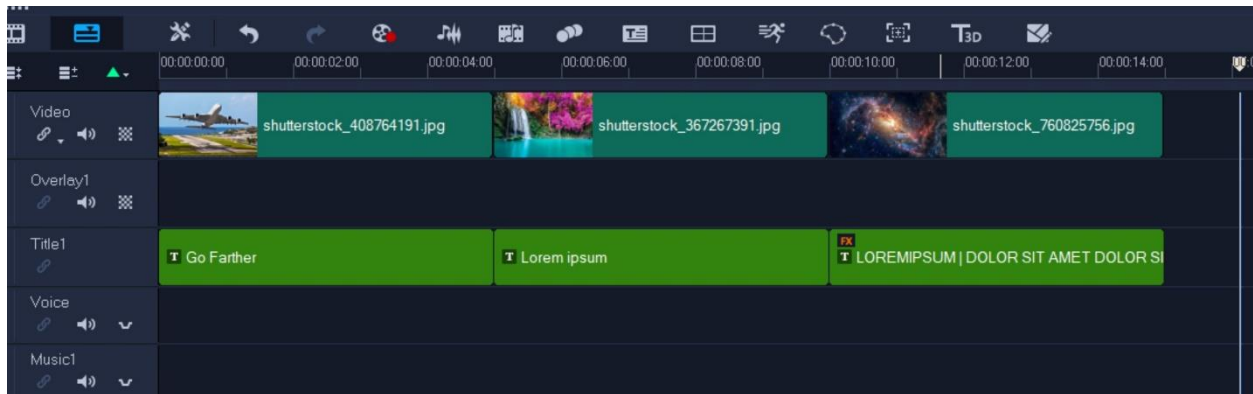
Note: Titles are not actually numbered, so starting from the upper left, pick the 13th title.



Drag and drop the title template directly underneath the 2$^{nd}$ image (see screenshot) and adjust it to fit the length of your image. For the third image, drag and drop the title that is 6$^{th}$ from the end (see screenshot).

Your timeline should now look like this with three images, 3 titles and a total length of 15 seconds.
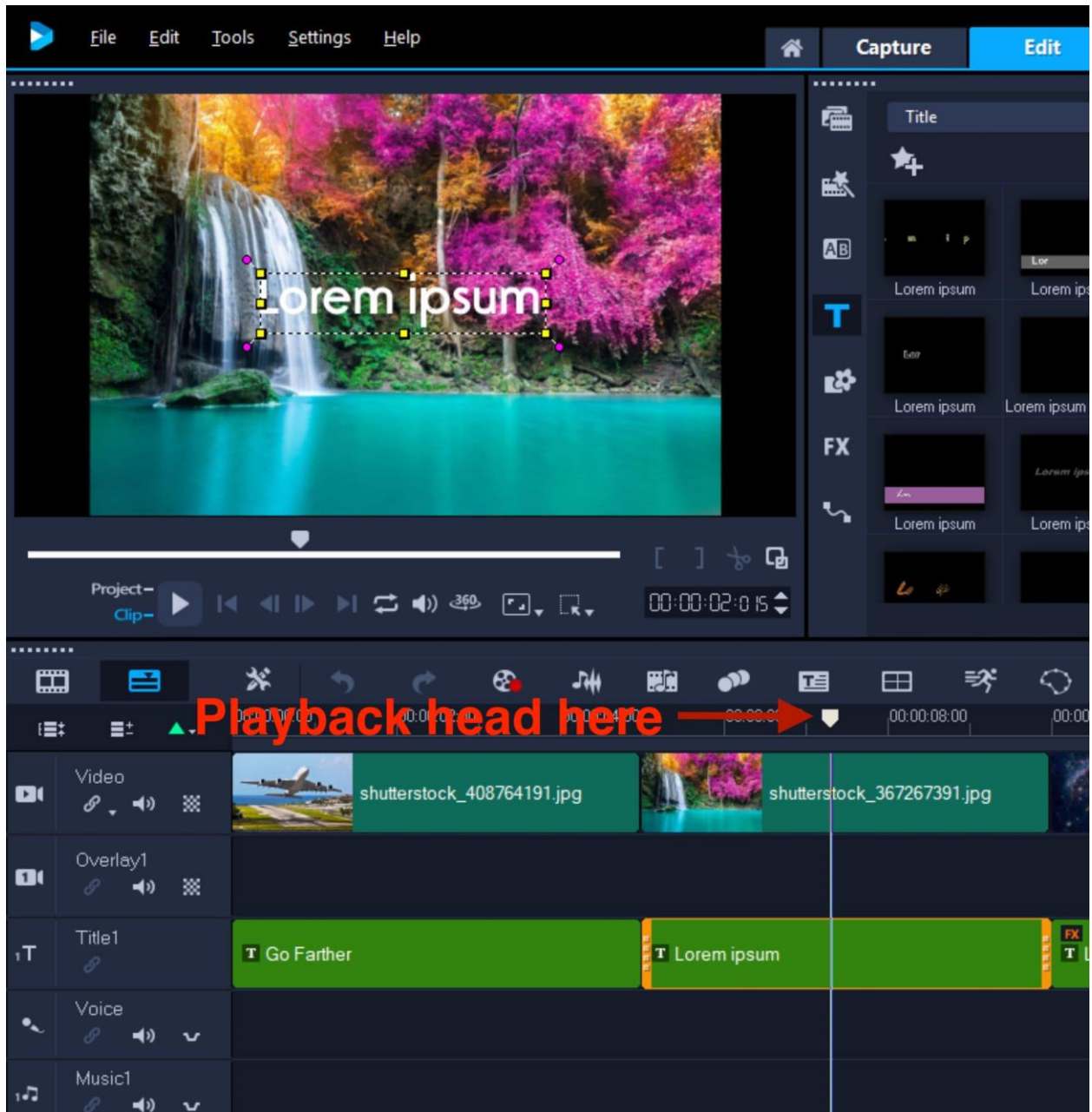


In the lower left of the Preview window, click **Project**. This will play all tracks and all clips on playback.

- Click the second icon to the right of Project (**Rewind**) to return the playback head to the start of your show.
- Click the **Play** icon (between Project and Rewind) to view what you have created.

**Note**: Be sure to click **Project** in the **Preview** window to play all tracks together. Selecting **Clip** will only play a selected track or clip.

Change the default text in your new titles. In the Timeline, place your playback head at about the 7 second mark and double-click the 2nd title.
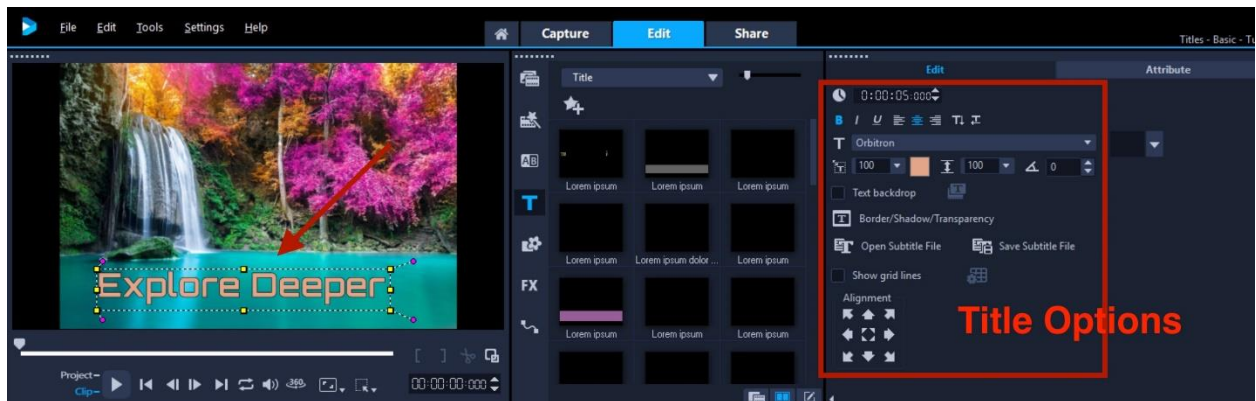


Double-click the text in the **Preview** window and change it to "Explore Deeper". Click outside the text box to lock it in.

As we did previously:
- Change the font to **Orbitron**
- Change the font size to **100**
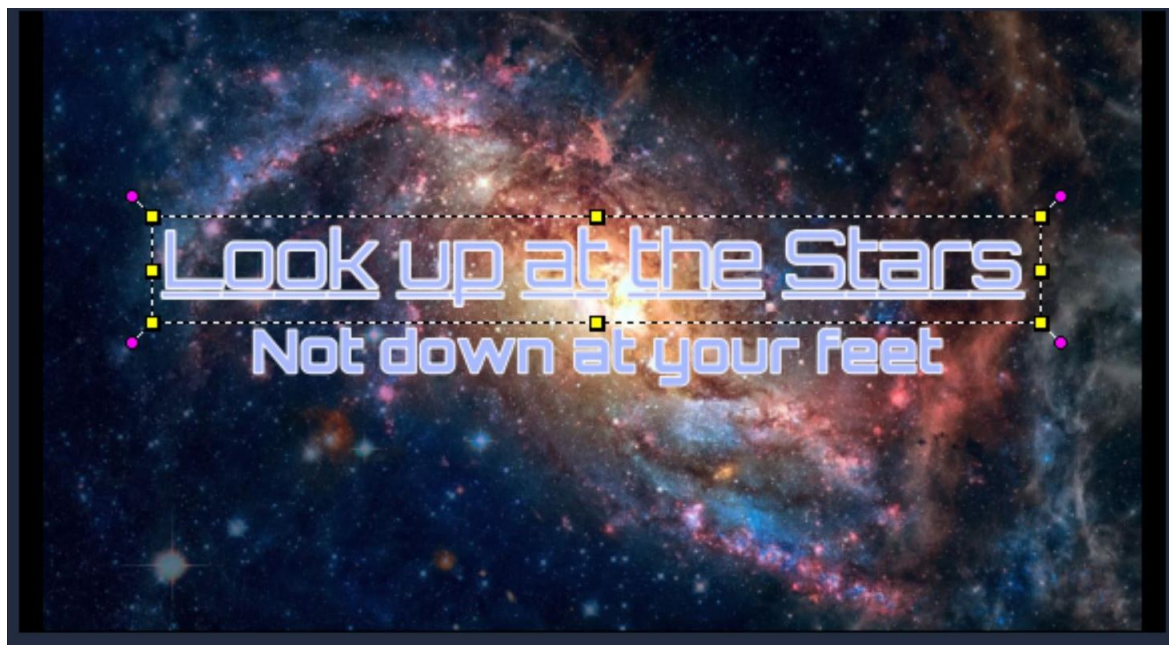- Change the font color to **Orange**

- Click to add a Border: (Outer stroke border to 4.0, Line color to black)
- Set the alignment to bottom, center



Preview this part of the video.

The 3rd title template is a 2-parter with two separate lines of text. Place your playback head in the center of the 3rd image on the timeline and select the title in the timeline. Double-click on the text in the **Preview** window and change the first line to, "Look up at the stars,". Double-click on and change the 2nd line to, "not down at your feet".

- Change the font of both lines to **Orbitron**.
- Change the font size of the first line to **100**.
- Change the font size of the second line to **75**.
- Leave all else as is.
- Place both of lines at the center of your screen, using the red lines as guides.

Preview the entire project.

**Note**: If you go to the **Attribute** tab, next to the **Edit** tab in the **Options** panel, you can see and edit any of the **Animation** and **Filter** attributes that were added to this title, so even though these are templates, they are customizable templates.

One last thing. You can save these as new titles to use later. Select any of your titles in the **Timeline**. In the Gallery pop down, choose **My Favorites** and click the **Star-+** icon. Your new title is now saved!