



Activity: Create your own comic

Focus: Literacy

Materials: Sheet provided, pencil ; Links to assist: [Story Elements](#)

Grade Range: 3rd - 6th

Time: 25 Minutes

Synopsis: Mentors will share with students that they will be writing and drawing their own comic. Students then will watch a video based on what story elements are, so that they can break down each part of the story in their comic. Three different comic story prompts will be provided for students to choose from. ** Story Elements- "A story has five basic but important elements. These five components are: the characters, the setting, the plot, the conflict, and the resolution. These essential elements keep the story running smoothly and allow the action to develop in a logical way that the reader can follow." ***

Instructions:

1. Mentors will begin by sharing with the students that they will be writing and drawing their very own comic today. If students are unsure of what a comic is, use the example provided to show them.
2. After students have become comfortable with what a comic is, ask if they know what story elements are and how these are crucial to every story. Definition provided in the synopsis if needed.
3. Students will then watch a 2 minute long video about story elements. When the video is finished, reiterate that these elements play into every story. A story always has a conflict and resolution, so make sure to distinguish the importance of these, as these elements will be crucial in the students own comic story.
4. On a white board or out loud, share with the students that there are three prompts they must base their comic story off of:
 - Write a story where a boring, everyday experience gets turned into a big adventure.
 - Write a story about a snow day.
 - Write a story about a superhero saving the day.
5. Now tell the students that they have 15 minutes to create their comic. Mentors be sure to make a comic too!
6. Once the students are wrapping up their comics, choose a few students and mentors to volunteer to stand up and share theirs. Ask questions to make sure they can identify what their conflict and resolution is, as well the different story elements (setting, characters, major event, problem solving, etc.)
 - Where does your story take place?
 - Who is the main character of your story?
 - Why did you choose your characters to face this certain problem?
 - Why did you choose for this to be the ending of your comic?

EXAMPLE COMIC:



CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC:

MAKE YOUR OWN COMIC STRIP
ready to create your own comic strip? choose a character and send it on an adventure!

introduce character	introduce problem	attempt to solve
attempt to solve	solution	happy ending