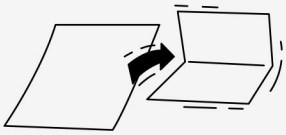
TURN YOUR COMIC STRIPS INTO A BOOK

Already done with your comic strip and have time left in class? You could fall asleep, although that doesn't always end well (ask Nate). Turn your comic strips into a comic book instead! Just make sure Mr. Galvin doesn't see.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Construction paper
- Comic book template (attached)
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- A story idea (prompt template attached)
- Stapler
- A soft, firm protective platform for stapling (for example, cardboard)



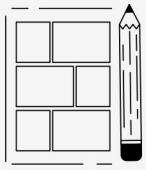
1. Fold your construction paper in half. One half will be your comic book's front cover; the other half will be the back cover. You can design the covers first or set this step aside for later.

2. If you don't know how many pages your comic book will have, print several copies of the comic book template. Number them right away.

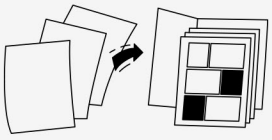
3. Brainstorm your story idea. Comic books are longer than comic strips, so you'll have more time to get into detail in this format. You can build off of your comic strips or start fresh.

a. Example: Gina decides to switch her grade to an A before showing her mom after school. The teacher catches her and gives her detention.

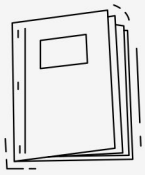
4. Use the same strategy you used for your comic strip (beginning, middle, and end), but make the story longer, the characters more detailed, and maybe include more than one setting. If you get stuck, feel free to use the story idea prompt template attached for inspiration.



5. Put your ideas down on the comic book template.



6. Organize all of the pages together like a book, with your book's "jacket" enclosing the rest of the pages. Make sure they're all aligned and in order! The "jacket" will likely be larger than the pages, so you'll have to center your pages.



7. Fold your book and staple the edge of the booklet. Make sure you don't staple the book shut by accident!

a. If you're in art class, find some cardboard and lay all of your pages down, coverside up. Open your stapler, line it up with the book's center, and staple (vertically).

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