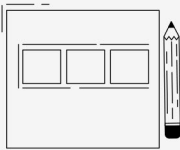# CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC 3-FRAME STRIP

Do you doodle in class? (It's okay, Nate does, too.) Why not try your hand at comic strips? If they're good enough, maybe you won't get detention. (But we can't promise anything.)

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Comic strip template (attached)
- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener

1. Print the three-frame comic strip template attached to this sheet. This will be your comic strip outline.

2. Brainstorm a story for the strip with a beginning, middle, and end. Also, develop a character or characters, settings, and plot. For example, your comic strip could be about a teacher's pet named Gina who gets a bad grade on her assignment in school after predicting she'd get an A.

3. Using your pencil, sketch your first frame without word bubbles.
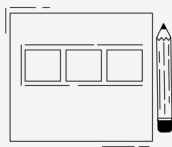
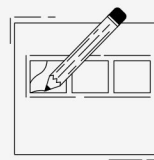a. **Example:** Gina sitting at her desk.

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4. Sketch your second frame without word bubbles.

a. **Example:** The teacher handing Gina her graded assignment. (The grade would be hidden in this frame to make the last frame a surprise.)

5. Sketch your second frame without... well, you get it by now.

a. **Example:** Gina looking at her assignment — an F!

6. Add words to your speech bubbles. Make sure your writing is clear!

7. Style your writing to match the speaker's expression or mood. If a character is yelling in the frame, USE CAPITAL LETTERS AND EXCLAMATION POINTS!!!! If your character says something slowly, *perhapssss writeeeee likeeeee thisssssss.*

a. Frame 1 example: "I bet I got an A like alwayyyssssssss."
b. Frame 2 example: No speech bubble. Remember, not every frame needs one.
c. Frame 3 example: "I got a B? BAH!!!!!!!!!!!"

8. Don't forget to add a background to each frame. Make sure you have enough to set the scene and show your readers where the story takes place.

9. Color in your frames of leave 'em black and white. Up to you!

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