

Student Instructions

Draft Story or Your Plan for Research

1. Think of a Story which would be interesting in a comic
2. In Inspirations organize your ideas
3. Write a draft in Pages

Prepare Panels and Pages

4. Open BookCreator
5. +New Book
6. Scroll to bottom and Choose one of Portrait/Square/Landscape Comic Books

Purpose of Panels

- To show time lapse
 - Small panel means little time lapsed
 - Many small panels means the action is fast
 - Large panel means much time has lapsed and/or the action is slow
- To establish priorities
 - Small panel means the character is important

Pictures: Background and Character

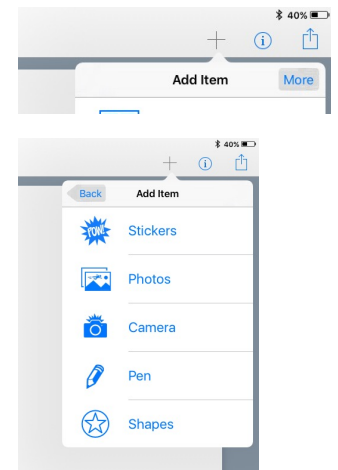
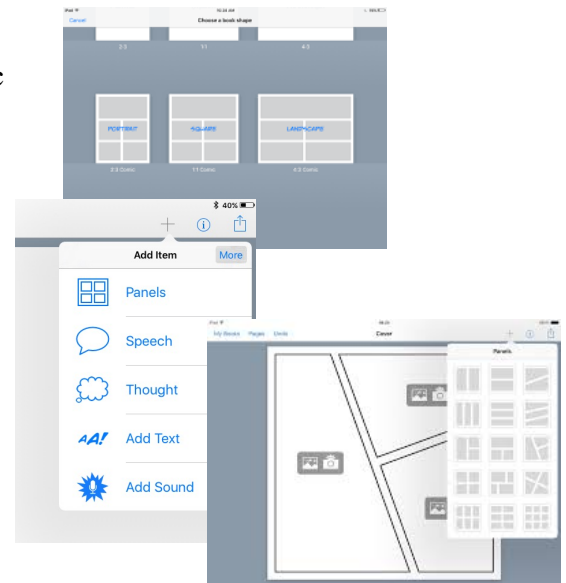
7. To embed pictures, tap in the center of one of the comic panels choosing either the photos or the camera. Choose the picture you would like to embed and tap to add it to the frame. Repeat this process inside each frame.
8. If you want to add a picture, outside a panel, just choose + **More** then Photos or Camera

Purpose of Background

- Establish setting: city, underwater, jungle, house
- Create the ambiance/mood: mysterious, calm, hectic

3 Types of Characters

- People: Adults, adolescents, children often stereotyped
 - Animals of objects: have human characteristics (personification)
 - Super-heroes: have super-human characteristics
9. Find Characters (Background) in other areas such as:
 - **Internet:** Find Picture on Internet through Google image search. Use options to refine your search. Use keyword “transparent” to find transparent images. Make sure to get full image and save to photos.
 - **Or use cker.com** to find an image which is transparent



Text Features

Captions

10. Add blocks of text by tapping on the caption box in the + **More**
11. Use captions to narrate the story by giving setting details (time, place) and story details. I.e. “Meanwhile, back at the ranch....”

Purpose of Captions

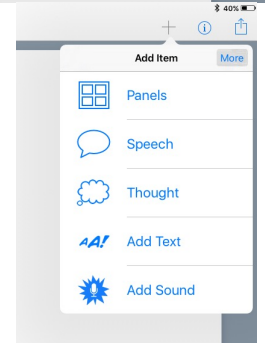
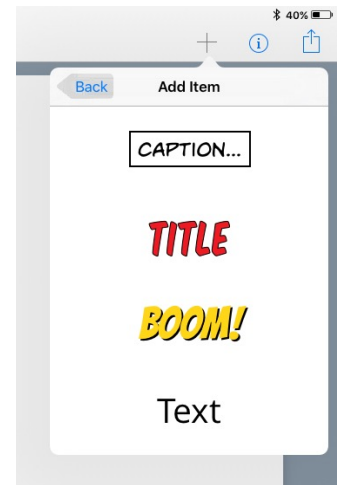
- Carries the narrative of the story
- Explains what happened between panels

Speech and Thought Bubbles

12. Add speech or thought bubbles by tapping on the +; add the text, tap and hold in the middle of the object to adjust its position. Remember to tap and drag one of the blue circles at the corner of an object to resize. Move the green circle to identify the speaker. Remember dialogue will help display the characteristics of the character.

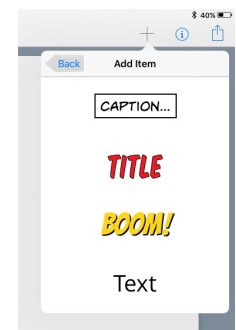
Purpose of Dialogue and Ideas to Make Text more Effective

- Complement the visual image
- Use many exclamations for effects
- Colour can indicate emotion
- Style can indicate how something is being spoken or thought
- Print size or font add to message: large letters for loud speech
- Symbols sometimes instead of letters
- Verbs in present tense (characters talk as if happening now)
- Read in same order as a book: left to right, top to bottom



Lettering

13. Add title by tapping on the TITLE.
14. Add Onomatopoeias using **BOOM!** See list below or
15. Add stickers



To Edit any feature (text, bubbles, panels, page) choose the ⓘ

List of Onomatopoeia

✓	argh	✓	creak	✓	pitter patter
✓	achoo	✓	croak	✓	plink
✓	ahem	✓	crunch	✓	plop
✓	bang	✓	cuckoo	✓	pluck
✓	bash	✓	ding	✓	plunk
✓	bash	✓	ding dong	✓	poof
✓	bam	✓	drip	✓	pop
✓	bark	✓	fizz	✓	poop
✓	bawl	✓	flick	✓	purr
✓	beep	✓	flip	✓	quack
✓	belch	✓	flutter	✓	rattle
✓	blab	✓	giggle	✓	ribbit
✓	blare	✓	glug	✓	ring
✓	blurt	✓	groan	✓	rip
✓	boing	✓	growl	✓	roar
✓	boink	✓	grunt	✓	rumble
✓	bonk	✓	guffaw	✓	rush
✓	bong	✓	gurgle	✓	rustle
✓	boo	✓	hack	✓	screech
✓	boo-hoo	✓	haha	✓	shuffle
✓	boom	✓	hack	✓	shush
✓	bow-wow	✓	hiccup	✓	sizzle
✓	brring	✓	hiss	✓	slap
✓	bubble	✓	hohoho	✓	slash
✓	bump	✓	honk	✓	slither
✓	burp	✓	hoot	✓	slurp
✓	buzz	✓	howl	✓	smack
✓	cackle	✓	huh	✓	snap
✓	chatter	✓	hum	✓	snarl
✓	cheep	✓	jangle	✓	sniff
✓	chirp	✓	ker-ching	✓	snip
✓	chomp	✓	kerplunk	✓	snore
✓	choo-choo	✓	knock	✓	snort
✓	chortle	✓	la	✓	splash
✓	clang	✓	meow	✓	splat
✓	clash	✓	moan	✓	splatter
✓	clank	✓	moo	✓	splish
✓	clap	✓	mumble	✓	splosh
✓	clatter	✓	munch	✓	squawk
✓	click	✓	murmur	✓	squeak
✓	clink	✓	mutter	✓	squelch
✓	clip clop	✓	neigh	✓	squish
✓	cluck	✓	oink	✓	swoosh
✓	clunk	✓	ouch	✓	thud
✓	cock a doodle doo	✓	ooze	✓	thump
✓	cough	✓	phew	✓	thwack
✓	crackle	✓	ping	✓	tic-toc

Comic Life – iPad

Toni Thompson

✓ tinkle
✓ trickle
✓ twang
✓ tweet
✓ ugh
✓ vroom
✓ waffle
✓ whack

✓ whallop
✓ wham
✓ whimper
✓ whip
✓ whirr
✓ whisper
✓ whizz
✓ whoop

✓ whoosh
✓ woof
✓ yelp
✓ yikes
✓ zap
✓ zing
✓ zip
✓ zoom