Grades 7-12

**POP-UP COMIC**

Movement
Plot
Proportion
Resolution
Obstacle

6 class periods
(90 minutes each)

**Objectives**

Students will...
- Use personal obstacles to inspire a project
- Incorporate the use of computers to research and create a piece of art
- Explore the connection between art and historical events
- Use tools safely and appropriately

**Vocabulary**

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Sketch over the figure to add clothing and accessories. (Alternate option: Color with colored pencils and/or markers.)

Trace over final character/superhero in black marker and erase all pencil marks.

Scan drawing onto a computer and use Photoshop to add color to the character/superhero.

• Talk with your Language Arts teacher to integrate the art of storytelling into the lesson.
• Add onomatopoeia!

Pose manikin in a position that shows “movement” and lightly draw in pencil.

Proportion figure using shapes.

Introduction

Show students some examples of the first comic books and superheroes. Pass around pictures of Superman, Batman, and Captain America. Give them time to guess when and why these heroes began to pop up. Explain to students that art is linked to historical events such as The Great Depression and World War II. In this case, this form of art gave hope in a time of need.

Students should brainstorm obstacles they face or have faced in the past. Allow students to connect current comic book storylines and superheroes to their own experiences. This application will provide for the inspiration of each student’s Pop-Up Comic.
Create comic strip by using a ruler to create boxes for each scene.

Draw out each scene in pencil.

Add word bubbles with text.

Trace over final comic strip graphics in black marker and erase all pencil marks.

Scan comic strip onto a computer and use Photoshop to add color to your graphics and edit the wording in the bubbles.

Create any onomatopoeia in Photoshop and print along with the character/superhero.

Print the comic strip on 11" x 17" paper and trim to original size.

Glue the character/superhero picture, and onomatopoeia onto foam board and cut out with an X-ACTO® knife.

Glue the comic strip onto foam board and attach the character/superhero and onomatopoeia, making them stand up on the comic strip base.
Materials

- Manikin — 0300425 Male and/or 6300104 Female
- Sketching Pencils, set of 172 in different degrees — 9723194
- Nasco Budget White Drawing Paper, 9" x 12", 500 sheets — 9727913
- PRISMACOLOR® Kneaded Rubber Erasers, box of 24 — 9727048
- Sharpie® Fine-Point Black Markers, box of 12 — 9717997(A)
- Sharpie® Ultra Fine-Point Black Markers, box of 12 — 9717998(A)
- Aluminum Rulers — 2100207
- Aleene’s Tacky Glue, 8-oz. — 9702900
- Matte Finish Foam Board, pkg. of 10, each 20” x 30” x ⅛” — 9731151 Black and/or 9731152 White
- X-ACTO® Knife — 9701148
- Self-Healing Cutting Mat, 9” x 12” — 9721524
- PRISMACOLOR® Colored Pencils, set of 24 — 9711276
- PRISMACOLOR® Brush-Tip Colored Markers, set of 20 — 9729716