



Children's books combine language and art to create powerful and beautiful stories. We learn lessons, explore new worlds, make friends through them. The way we build these stories ask us to think carefully about the images and words we want to use. Now it's your turn!

Activity: Create a Storybook Page

Materials:

- Paper
- Drawing materials (Markers, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Watercolors)
- Pencil
- Template (attached below)

Directions:

- Use the template to create your own picture book page from any part of the story.
- This picture can be about anything, let your interests lead you.
- To start, draw your illustration using just pencil.
- What special details do you want to include?
- What colors do you want to use? Finish your drawing with your favorite coloring device!
- While you're completing your image, think about the words you want to use to bring your drawing to life.
- Think about what you want the text to add to the image.
- What lettering will go along with the image, so everything goes together?
- Write your text below the image on the provided lines.

Tips:

- Have fun!
- What are some of your favorite picture books? What do you like about their illustrations and words?
- You can use color to create a specific mood; what is the mood of your illustration?
- What connections do you want to make between the image and the words?
 - o Do the words teach about the character?
 - Does the image add something funny to the words?

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