

Homework Project

How many of you read comics? If you do this may help you complete these homework tasks. Your task is to complete a piece of artwork based on the topic **comics**:

Enjoy - Aspire - Challenge

These three categories are the levels of difficulty of each task. So choose a task that suits your ability but make sure it challenges your skills.

Due date: Friday 15th October 2021

Your tutor will mark your project. There are achievement points available for effort and the most imaginative pieces. Outstanding projects will be celebrated and displayed around the school. Winners of the best homework will receive prizes.



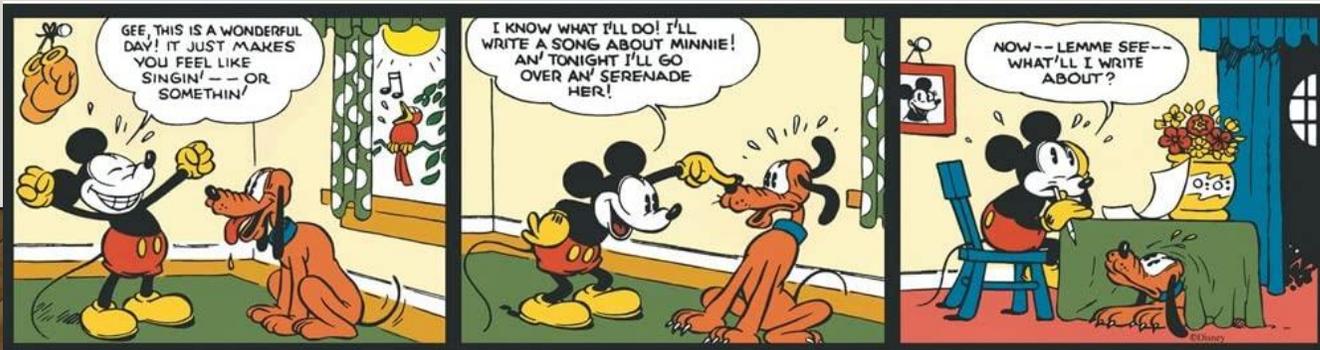
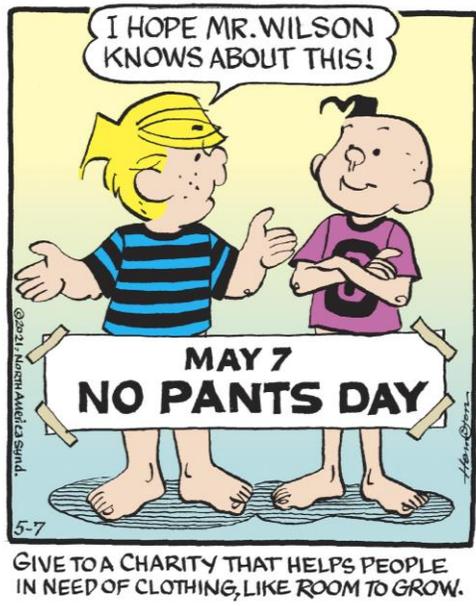
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What is a comic?

Comics are usually just a few pages long and tell a story (or stories) about characters using images. These are usually drawn, often with simple text. They are usually a sequence of panels which tell the story. Textual devices such as speech balloons, captions, and onomatopoeia can indicate dialogue, narration, sound effects, or other information.

The size and arrangement of panels change depending on what part of the story is being explained. Cartoons and other forms of illustration are the most common images found in comics; *fumetti* is a form that uses photographic images. Common forms include comic strips, editorial and gag cartoons, and comic books. Since the late 20th century graphic novels like manga style comics from Japan have become increasingly common, while online webcomics have become popular in the 21st century.

Examples of comics



Features of a comic strip

Speech bubbles show the character is speaking out loud.



Thought bubbles show what the character is thinking. They are in cloud shapes.



Action words are usually in coloured, jagged splats with capital letters. These can be onomatopoeia words which means how you say them is the sound the word is describing e.g. zip, bang, plop.



A sequence of boxes or panels to tell a story. The narrator speaks using caption boxes on the edge of the panels.



A scream bubble shows a character is shouting and the text is often bolder.

UH-OH



The task is to create your own comic strip. Your comic strip should tell a story. You should use the features of a comic strip described on the previous page. You should add bold colour (in any media) to make your comic strip stand out.

The work should be A4 in size or larger.

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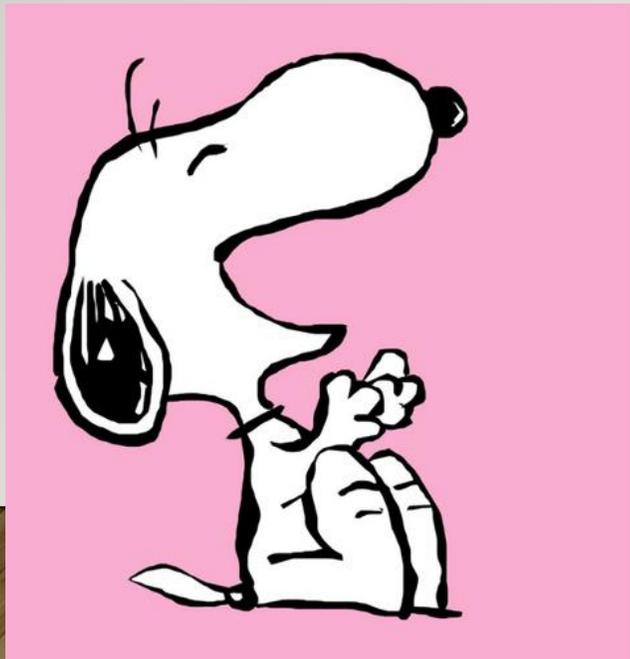
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Yellow - Aspire

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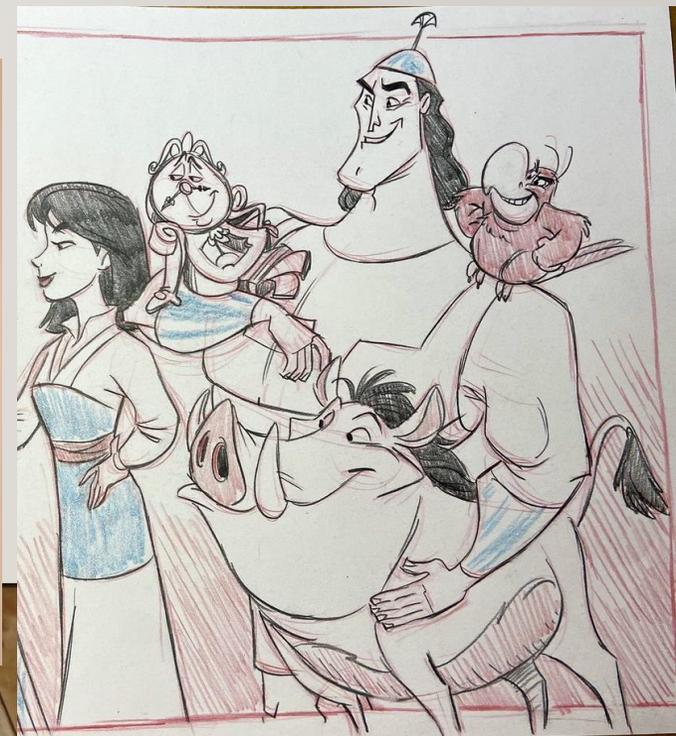
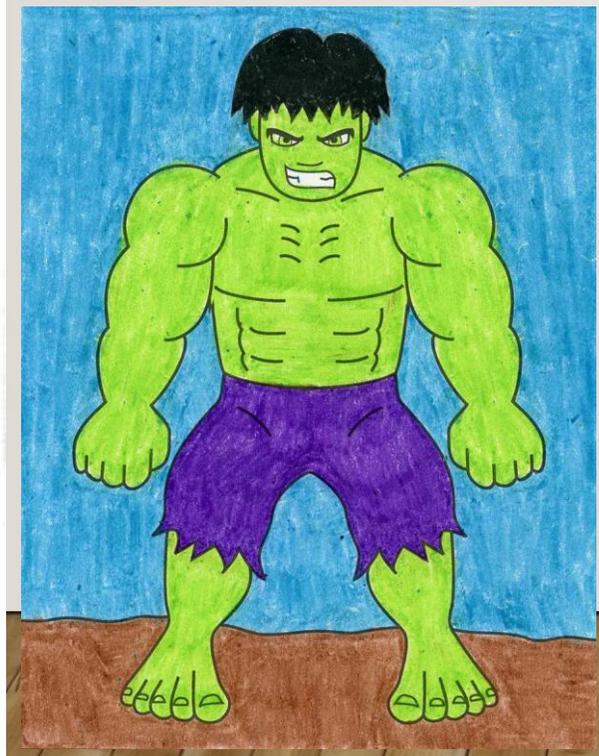
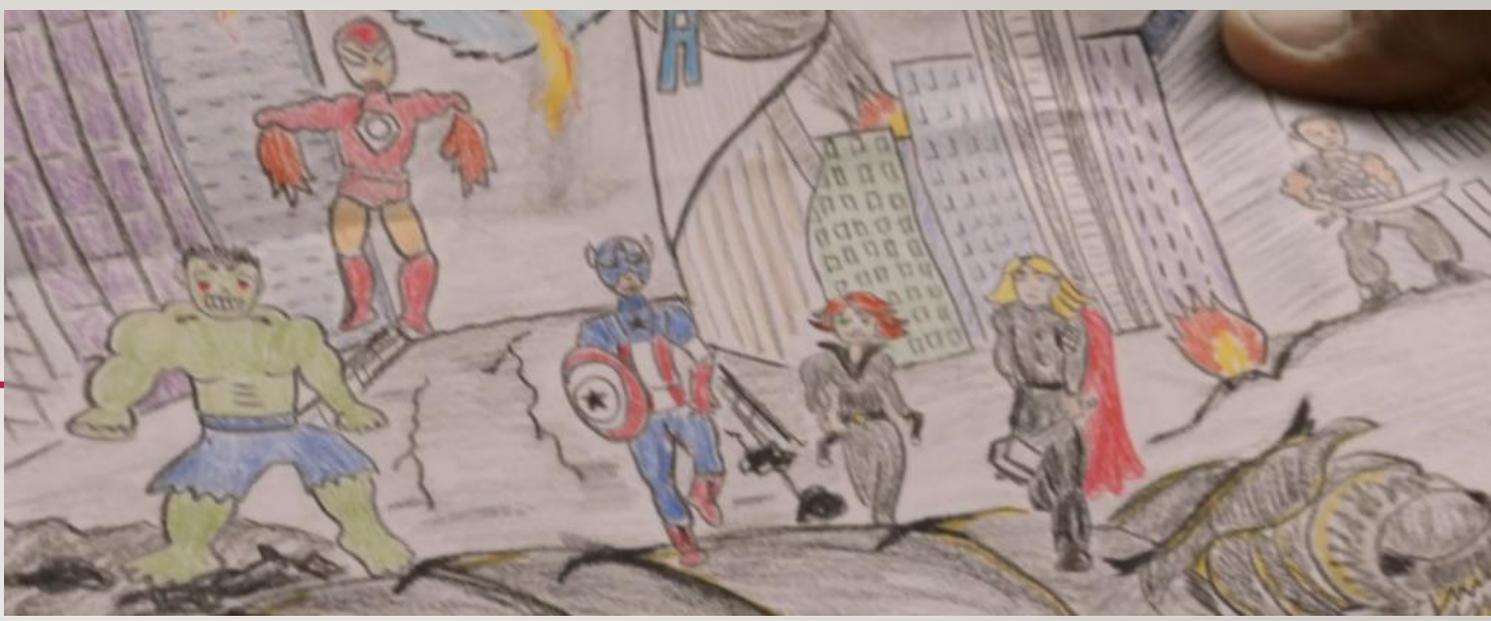
Red - Challenge

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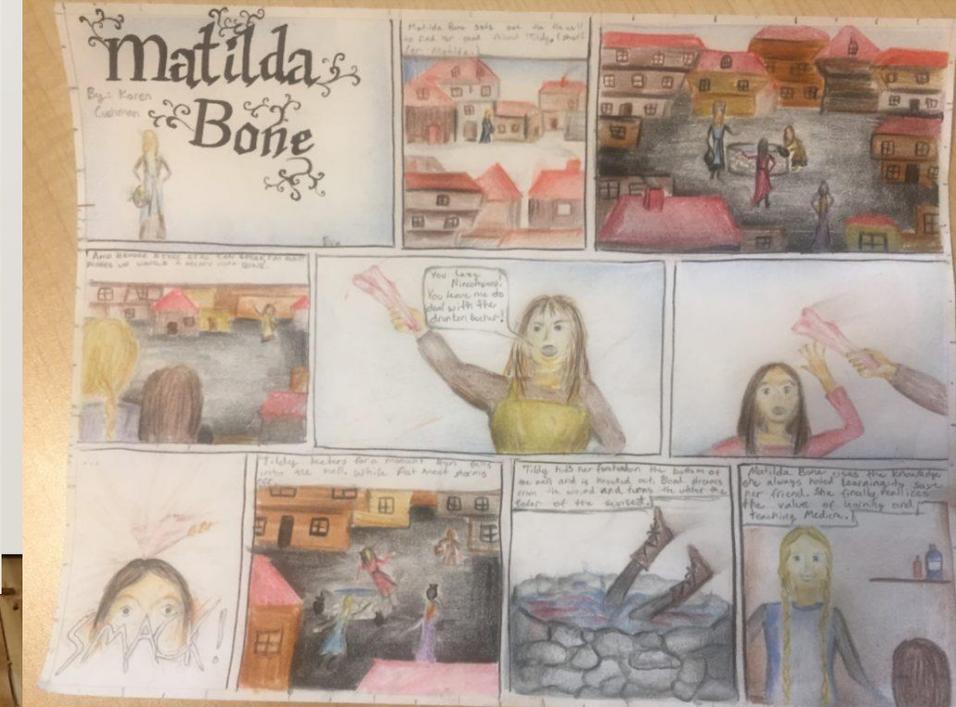
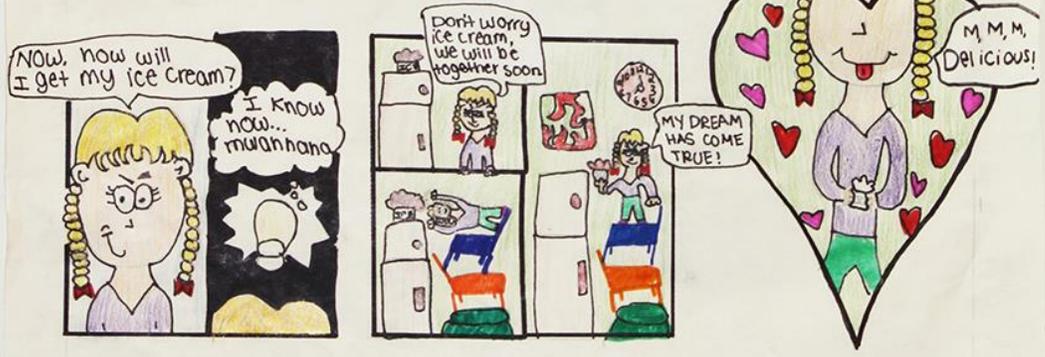
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