

BE A COMIC CREATOR



"Dog Man" series author Dav Pilkey gives a presentation to local students, October 11, 2019. Photo by Shawn Miller/Library of Congress.

Did you know that the Library of Congress holds over 140,000 issues of comics, the largest publicly-available collection of comic books in the United States? Use the Library's comic collection as inspiration for becoming your own comic creator!

GET INSPIRED

Start by:

- Watching a comic creator in action! In [the first 30 minutes of this video](#), Dav Pilkey talks about the newest edition in the Dogman series, and draws, too!
- Exploring the Library's [Comic Art exhibition](#) online. As you look around, notice:
 - The different drawing styles.
 - All the characters – heroes, villains, sidekicks, and others.
 - How people and communities are represented.

WARM UP

Create an 8-page foldable comic using the template on the last page of [this resource](#), which was created by the University of the Arts, a Library of Congress partner organization.

_____, **Comic Creator!**
(Your Name)

Who are some of your favorite comic book or graphic novel characters?

Write them or describe them here:

Ready to be a comic creator?

You will need paper, pencils and, most importantly, **YOUR IMAGINATION!**

We all have different styles, **but everyone can draw**. Let's warm up - practice helps.

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WARM UP

Doodle some shapes in the space below – circles, blobs or whatever you like. Make at least 10 of each.

Next, make a plan. Who are the main characters? What problem will your characters encounter or solve? Think of three ideas to illustrate: a beginning, a middle, and an end. You can talk or think your ideas through or write them here on the Comic Brainstorm:

CREATE YOUR COMIC

The Adventures of _____
(Your character's name)

By _____
(Your name)

The End