

# Comic Stories

How to get your students to  
**SHOW** you what they have  
learned....

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## Digital Storytelling

- We all have stories!
- Fantastic way to engage students and get them to show what they know by telling/writing a story
- Increases interest in writing / storytelling
- **What our students are saying should always be more important than how they are saying it.**

# Great to use in Differentiated Instruction!

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## Reading

- Image support
- Contextual clues to word meaning/content
- Scaffold to comprehension
- Language/vocabulary learning opportunities
- Motivational for reluctant readers
- Expression of satire, symbolism, point of view, drama, and humor in ways sometimes not possible to convey with text alone.
- Flexible: real/imaginary, simple/complex

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# Writing

- Visual representation of information (summary)
- Assistance with sequencing
- Organization skills
- Development of thinking, creating, and writing skills
- Enrichment for reading, writing, and thinking skills
- Inspires creativity
- Assessment and evaluation tool

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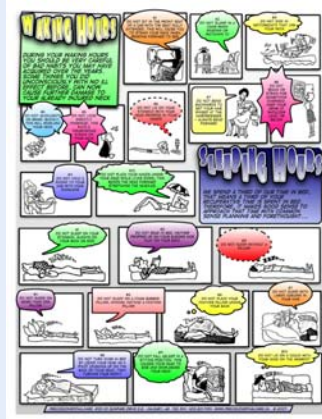
# Advantages

- Easy to learn
- Uses any form of images: pictures, clip arts, scanned pictures or drawings
- Students love it!

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Comic Life lets you  
create astounding comics,  
beautiful picture albums,  
children's story books...  
and more!



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## Examples

- [Posters](#)
- [Book Report](#)
- [Experience Story](#)
- [Research Project](#)
- [Vocabulary](#)
- [Movies](#)
- [Evaluation](#)



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# Resources

- [Comics in the Classroom as an Introduction to Genre Study](#) by Read, Write, Think
- [Comics in the Classroom as an Introduction to Narrative Structure](#) by Read, Write Think
- [Comic Life Overview](#) by John Larkin
- A Comic Life - [WikispaceComics in the Phys. Ed. Classroom](#) by Mr. Robbo
- Comic Life Across the Curriculum by taradcat
- [Samples, Ideas and Resources](#) by Carilyn Gilbert
- [How to Use Comic Life in the Classroom](#) by MacInstruct
- [Comic Life Meets the Curriculum \(and Beyond!\)](#) by Judith Epcke & Marilee Sarlitto
- [Comic Life for Education](#) by Plasq (creators of Comic Life)
- [Comic Life Wiki](#) by Pam Kelly
- [RMTTC Wiki](#)

# Resources Continued...

## Video

- Sue Tapp tells about [Comic Life in the classroom](#).

## Screencasts

- Comic Life - [Introduction](#) by Kent Manning

## Books

- [Using Comics and Graphic Novels to Teach Comprehension, 2-6](#) by: Terry Thompson
- [Comic Life for Educators](#) By Judith Epcke and Marilee Sarlitto

