

The Art of Making Comics:
How to tell a story with pictures
Summer Club 2021 Syllabus

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Course Time: 3PM - 5PM, EST, June 7-11, 2021

Club Details:

Are you interested in Comics and how to make them? Then this is the club for you!

This club is intended for artists who want to learn the art of telling a story through Sequential Art (or the arrangement of illustrations in a sequence in order to communicate an idea or message).

This club will help students understand how to tell any story they can think of through visual art.

This club will be helpful to artists of various skill levels, and will focus on:

- *How to choose the best images or illustrations to include in a sequence and what to leave out.
- *How to best frame illustrations inside of panels and how to arrange them together on a page to guide the eye of the viewer.
- *Choosing words and images that communicate together.
- *Choosing the tools that are right for the story.

Whether students are interested in graphic novels, Manga, Super Heroes, Storyboards, or Comic Strips this club will help students develop the tools they will need to tell any of these types of stories.

This club is open to artists in grades 7-12.

Student Expectations:

Necessary Skills

Students signing up for this club should have a general knowledge of:

- *Basic drawing skills
- *How to use a Ruler and Compass
- *How to take digital photographs and print them
- *Basic craft skills (cutting and gluing)

Supply List:

Strathmore 24 Sheet Smooth Bristol Pad, 11"x 17", Blue Lined
Sakura Pigma 30067 Micron Blister Card Ink Pen Set, Black, 8/Set
Sharpie Twin Tip Permanent Markers, Fine & Ultra Fine Points, Black, 4 Pack
Pentel GraphGear 500 Automatic Drafting Pencil Black
Pentel Hi-Polymer Block Eraser, Large, White
Tombow Mono Zero Eraser and Refill Value Pack
Poster Palooza Smooth Black 16" X 20" Backing Board- Uncut Photo Mat Board
Oxford Blank Index Cards, 3"x 5", White, 300 pack
Fiskars Softgrip Scissors Straight Stainless Steel, 8"
Westcott 18" 8ths Beveled Ruler
Mr. Pen Geometry Set with 6" Swing Arm Protractor, Divider, Set Squares, Ruler, Compasses and Protractor, 15 Piece Set
Beacon Zip Dry Paper Glue

About the Instructor:

Charlie Forrester has been teaching since 2006, in public, private, classical education, and tutoring settings, with a Master of Arts in Education from Union University. He is also a professional painter and illustrator, creating artwork for businesses, schools, and individuals throughout the Mid-South region. He seeks to bring that experience and drive towards excellence into his instruction of every student he encounters. Charlie lives with his wife and four children in Memphis, TN.