



## Graphic Novel & Comic Techniques

Draw your own mini comic and practice as you go through the Comic Creators Guide!

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Part 1: The Basics	Part 2: The Words	Part 3: Art and Words Together
Panel: one box/piece of the story	Speech balloon	Color
Frame: the lines and borders around the panels	Caption	Graphic weight
Gutter: the gap/space between panels	Thought bubble/cloud	Hands and/or feet
Bleed: an image that extends to or beyond the edge of the page	Special effects lettering	Faces

### Other things to think about when creating your story:

- How will you divide up your story into panels? How many panels will you use?
- What colors will you use? Will you have a color scheme with only specific colors?
- How will you decide what parts of your story will be represented in words and what parts will be represented in pictures?
  - How will you use a variety of captions, speech balloons, and special-effects lettering?
- Does your story always need to be in order? Can you use pictures to represent flashbacks or flash-forwards, or pictures of a character's thoughts?