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Period _____

Comic Life, Comic Strip, Book Creator – The Outsiders

Requirements:

- Your comic must fit on no less than two pages (8 if using Book Creator)
- Brainstorm & Rough Draft on Storyboard
- The first frame must include the title and author
- The middle frames should retell the important parts of the story
 - Use your “Story Map” worksheet to help you
 - Every frame must have writing (narration box and/or dialogue balloon)
- The last frame must include a photo of you and a dialogue balloon in which you express your opinion of the story. Include why you did or didn’t like it.
- Your name must appear in the first or last frame: “Comic by *Your Name*”

Helpful hints:

- First, choose a “**Page Template**” and complete your general layout with narration boxes and dialogue balloons
- Next, insert your images. Look for ones that are at least as large as the frame
 - Use a web browser like Google images
 - Use the “**Capture**” and “**Freeze**” features to take a picture of yourself or your own artwork
- Finally, liven up your comic by choosing fonts and exploring the many options from the “**Style**” menu – lettering, frames, balloons, background
- DO NOT spend time on color because your comic will print in black & white

Grade is based on:

- Brainstorm & Rough Draft on Storyboard
- Accurately retelling the important parts of the story
- Conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization)
- Creativity/Appearance
- Your written explanation of what you did, how you did it and express your opinion of the story. Include why you did or didn’t like it.

Comic Life tips:

- Use “**Zoom In**” to get a better view as you work on different frames
- Most things can be dragged to a different spot. Use the circle in the center.
- Most things can be stretched or shrunk. Use the green handles.
- Most things can be rotated. Use the purple handle.
- To point a dialogue balloon to the speaker, use the blue spotlight
- To edit text within a dialogue balloon, double click on the text
- To see the printing boundaries, choose a background from “**Style**”
- Whenever you make a mistake, go up to “**Edit**” and choose “**Undo**”

SAVE your work frequently to the server!