

Activities – Mini Film



ACTION PLAN FOR ORIGINAL FILM

Step 1: Select your Concept

You can choose between creating an original film or using one of our script templates. If you're creating an original film it's a great idea to create something inspired by popular culture.

The Concept is: _____

(for example, Luke Skywalker saves Elsa)

Step 2: Write your Story

1. Decide on the characters that are going to be in your film and which child is going to be which character. Who is going to be the hero and who is going to be the baddy.

Child: _____ Character: _____

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2. Costumes what costumes and props do you need to find or make for these characters?

3. What is the problem that you hero's will solve?

(for example, Batman has to save the teddy from Spiderman)

Step 3: Story Structure

All stories need to have a 3 parts a beginning, middle and end.

The Beginning – Planning Sheet

Show your characters happy in their normal life, when they are presented with a big problem they have to solve.

Describe what happens in the Beginning of the story, what are your characters doing and how does the problem present to them?

(For example, the fairies are having a tea party when they notice that their favourite toy has gone missing and they need to find it)

Location

Where does this happen in the story and real life?

(for example, Fairies house - in the Kitchen)

Which Characters are in this Scene?

Props & Costumes

Are there any other props you need to make or find for this scene?

What actually happens

In more detail describe what happen in this scene?

The Middle – Planning Sheet

The characters discuss how to solve the problem and put a plan together to solve it.

Describe how the heroes are going to solve the problem?

(For example, the heroes are going to the Witches castle, break in and steal their toy back)

Location

Where does this happen in the story and real life?

(Use a different location to the beginning scene)

Which Characters are in this Scene?

Props & Costumes

Are there any other props you need to make or find for this scene?

What actually happens

In more detail describe what happen in this scene?

The End – Planning Sheet

The Characters face their problem and overcome it. They are so happy they celebrate.

Describe how the heroes solve the problem and what they do after that?

(For example, the heroes fight the witch and defeat her by pouring water on her and she melts. They then get their favourite toy back and have a dance party)

Location

Where does this happen in the story and real life?

(Use a different location to the other 2 scenes)

Which Characters are in this Scene?

Props & Costumes

Are there any other props you need to make or find for this scene?

What actually happens

In more detail describe what happens in this scene?

Step 4: Prop & Craft Time

It's time to dig through the toy box and find any props and costumes that you might have or make any that you need.

Step 6: Editing Your Mini Film

- [] Review all of your video clips in your gallery and delete any you don't need
- [] Import all of your video clips. Don't forget to get your kids to take a photo of the Activity Title page and import as a photo.
- [] Arrange them in order, remembering that for each scene you might have a wide shot and a few different close ups. While your editing if you want to cut from a wide shot to a close up and back to the wide shot, you'll need to import the wide shot twice.
- [] Trim your clips and remove any mistakes and edit your film together
- [] Select a background music track if you want to use one. For tips on how to use multiple background music tracks in the one video see the Background Music Tips and Tricks Guide.
- [] Adjust the volume levels of any of the video clips that need to be louder or softer
- [] Add some colour correction affects to make your mini film look more film like.
- [] Use the Text tool and add some closing title to your film
- [] Export your Mini Film and Share it with the world