

ART ACTIVITY SIX: CONVERT YOUR RADIO PLAY SCRIPT INTO A COMIC STRIP

LINK TO ENGLISH ACTIVITY FOUR

Learning objectives:

- To discover how text and image can combine to convey ideas;
- To use chosen media to express ideas clearly.

Resources

- A4 paper or card
- Pencil and black pen
- Colour as needed

Introduction

Look at some comic strips and cartoons created during the First World War using the following links [Comic Strip 1](#), [Comic Strip2](#), [Cartoons](#) or any other references you can find.

- a. Think about the use of drawing style and colour.
- b. Look at the amount of dialogue and the type of language used, if there is any.
- c. What other common features do they all have?
- d. What purpose do you think they served? Why do people use humour in dangerous, frightening and difficult situations?

MAIN TASKS

1. Either using your Radio Script from English Activity Four, or creating your own simple scenario, or using First World War events you've read about, think about how you can turn it into a comic strip.
2. Plan out the layout of your comic strip by drawing out the squares or deciding where the text will go on each area of the page. Try and restrict the strip to one or two A4 pages.
3. Think about the structure of the story/ideas. Which bits are the most important? How can you help emphasise certain moments in the story/narrative? Think about simple emotions and clear action/storytelling e.g: someone is laughing, crying, shouting, there is an explosion, a tank appears etc. Choose which parts of the story to highlight and map out where this will go on the page.
4. Having explored how you will plan out the comic strip, draw the final design complete with title.
5. How many colours will you use or will it be mostly in black and white with the use of colour to highlight certain moments? You can map out the design using pencil then go over it in pen.
6. You can use paint to "colour wash" back grounds and/or emphasise details. You may want to create your comic strip on card rather than paper if you are going to use paint.