Today's project: Create a four panel comic about independence.

Elements of a story: Characters, Setting, Theme

Take notes! Sketch ideas!

Ira's example comic:

1. Bird: Sob
2. Bird: Crying
3. Bird: Floating in a boat
4. Alligator: Watching

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EXPLORE THEME THROUGH POINT OF VIEW

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE INDEPENDENT?
LIBERATED, FREE, IN CONTROL
SELF-DETERMINED, SELF-SUFFICIENT
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Use characters to represent the theme of independence.

Self-determined, self-sufficient characters types:
- Alligator
- Mountain goat
- Swan (duckling)
- Electric eel
- Some nesting birds
- Tortoise
- Hermit crab

(legend: tortoise + the hare)
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Use setting to show your character's journey.

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Mountain → Setting

Obstacle

Add a P.O.V.

Achievement
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ELEMENTS OF A STORY:
CHARACTERS
SETTING
THEME

STORYTELLING THRU CONTRAST
SCALE, FORM, BEHAVIOR,
TRAITS, CHARACTER,
PRECONCEIVED FEELINGS

ALLIGATOR

BIRD
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ABOUT INDEPENDENCE.

ELEMENTS OF A STORY:
CHARACTERS
SETTING
THEME

STORYTELLING THRU
COMPOSITION

USE OF SPACE, STAGING,
PRECONCEIVED MEANING

SWAMP
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Use the elements of your story to challenge expectations!
Panel One: Show the internal conflict of a character using the setting.

Panel Two: Show a character at odds with the world around them.

Panel Three: Create tension using framing, preconceived notions, and staging.

Panel Four: Resolve the tension and convey the theme through character expression.