

## Core Skills Analysis

### Research and Media Studies

- Developed skills in researching niche fields by identifying key figures in indie animation.
- Learned how independent animators built their careers through various self-driven methods and strategies.
- Gained awareness of the diverse pathways to success in creative industries like animation outside mainstream studios.
- Enhanced understanding of how passion and persistence can lead to accomplishments in a competitive artistic field.

### Career Exploration and Personal Development

- Understood the importance of continual learning and self-motivation in career progression.
- Explored how personal stories and challenges contribute to professional growth in creative roles.
- Recognized the varied educational routes animators take, including self-teaching and formal training.
- Developed an appreciation for the persistence and creativity required to succeed as an indie animator.

### Tips

To deepen understanding and broaden the learning experience, encourage the student to create a project inspired by an indie animator's journey. They could develop a short animation or storyboard incorporating lessons learned from the research. Facilitating interviews or virtual meetups with local animators can provide firsthand insight and motivation. Additionally, exploring the technical side, such as basic animation tools and software, will help make the research more concrete and applicable.

### Book Recommendations

- [Independent Animation: Developing, Producing and Distributing Your Animated Films](#) by Mark L. A. Smith: A comprehensive guide offering practical advice on creating and promoting indie animated films.
- [Animation Mentor: An Inside Look at the Art and Business of Animation](#) by Animation Mentor Team: Insights into animation career paths, including interviews with successful independent animators.
- [Creativity, Inc.: Overcoming the Unseen Forces That Stand in the Way of True Inspiration](#) by Ed Catmull: Although focused on Pixar, this book reveals valuable lessons about creativity and leadership in animation applicable to indie artists.

### Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.9-10.1: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.7: Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.1: Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues.

### Try This Next

- Create a timeline poster highlighting the educational paths and career milestones of three

indie animators researched.

- Write a reflective essay or blog post imaginarily advising a new indie animator based on the lessons learned.