

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the basics of Manga and create your own Manga characters.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencils
- Colored pencils or markers

No prior knowledge is required for this lesson. Just come with an open mind and creativity!

## Activities

- Activity 1: Introduction to Manga

Start by discussing what Manga is and show examples of popular Manga series. Talk about the unique art style, storytelling techniques, and themes commonly found in Manga.

- Activity 2: Character Design

Guide the student through the process of creating their own Manga character. Discuss the importance of unique features, expressions, and dynamic poses. Encourage them to think about the character's backstory and personality.

- Activity 3: Panel Creation

Introduce the concept of panels and how they are used to tell a story in Manga. Provide a blank sheet of paper and ask the student to create a short story using multiple panels. They can use stick figures or simple drawings to represent the characters and actions.

- Activity 4: Coloring and Inking

Show the student different techniques for coloring and inking their Manga characters. Demonstrate how to use colored pencils or markers to bring their drawings to life. Encourage them to experiment with shading and highlighting to add depth.

## Talking Points

- What is Manga?

"Manga is a style of Japanese comic books and graphic novels. It has a unique art style characterized by large, expressive eyes, exaggerated facial expressions, and dynamic action sequences."

- Why is Manga popular?

"Manga is popular because it offers a wide range of genres and stories that appeal to different interests. It allows readers to immerse themselves in captivating narratives and explore imaginative worlds."

- How to create a Manga character?

"To create a Manga character, start by brainstorming their appearance, personality, and

backstory. Think about their unique features, clothing style, and any special abilities they may have. Sketch out different design ideas until you find the perfect look."

- What are panels?

"Panels are rectangular frames used in Manga to divide the story into different scenes or actions. They help guide the reader's eye and create a sense of rhythm and pacing in the storytelling."

- How to add emotion to characters?

"To add emotion to your characters, focus on their facial expressions and body language. Experiment with different eye shapes, mouth positions, and posture to convey specific emotions like happiness, sadness, anger, or surprise."

- What are some common themes in Manga?

"Common themes in Manga include friendship, adventure, romance, supernatural powers, and coming-of-age stories. Manga often explores complex emotions and tackles social issues in a relatable and engaging way."