CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Based on the song "Morgen" by Ivo Robić

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WORKSHOP 1: BLACK-OUT POETRY

Goal: Create a new message by selecting and hiding words from the original song text.

Materials:

- Printed song text (Croatian + German)
- Black markers (thick)
- One light-colored marker (optional)

Instructions

1. Read the text carefully.
2. Circle words or phrases you want to keep.
3. Black out all other words using a marker.
4. Your final text should be short and clear (1–3 lines).
5. You may mix Croatian and German words.

Rules

- Do not add new words.
- Focus on meaning, not grammar perfection.

Think about

Tomorrow / future

Friendship

Travel and meeting others

Tote Bag Print

Your black-out poem will be scanned or photographed and printed in black and white.

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WORKSHOP 2: STREET SYMBOLS (Visual Language of Morgen)

Goal: Translate words and ideas from the song into simple visual symbols that work without language.

Materials

- Paper sheets
- Thick black markers
- 1 additional color marker (optional)

Instructions

1. Choose ONE word or idea from the song (e.g. tomorrow, journey, sun, hope).
2. Choose ONE or TWO symbols from the Symbol Bank or create a similar one.
3. Draw your symbol clearly using thick lines.
4. Keep it bold and simple.

Rules

- Maximum 2 colors
- No small details
- No scissors, no cutting
- No sentences (one word only if really needed)

Tote Bag Print

Your symbol will be printed large and centered, or repeated as a pattern.

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WORKSHOP 3: ERASMUS SLOGAN (Tomorrow Starts Today)

Goal: Create a short slogan inspired by the song that could work as Erasmus merchandise.

Materials

- Paper
- Markers

Instructions

1. Create a slogan with 3–5 words.
2. You may mix languages (English / German / Croatian).
3. Choose one simple graphic sign (line, arrow, dot).
4. Arrange the text clearly.

Examples

- Tomorrow starts today
- Morgen starts heute
- Together for tomorrow

Rules

Keep it minimal

One idea only

Tote Bag Print

Clean typographic print with a simple symbol.

Morgen, morgen

Morgen, morgen lacht uns wieder das Glück,
Gestern, gestern liegt schon so weit zurück,
War es auch eine schöne, schöne Zeit.

Morgen, morgen, morgen, morgen sind wir wieder dabei,
Gestern, gestern, gestern, gestern ist uns heut' einerlei;
War es auch eine schöne, schöne Zeit.

Sind wir heut' auch arm und klein
Sind wir heut' auch ohne Sonnenschein
Sind wir heut' auch noch allein

Aber morgen, morgen, morgen morgen morgen.
Morgen, morgen lacht uns wieder das Glück,
Morgen, morgen kommt die schöne Zeit zu uns zurück.

Morgen, morgen, morgen, morgen wird das alles vergeh'n
Morgen, morgen, morgen, morgen wird das Leben endlich wieder schön.

Morgen, morgen

Morgen, sutra, sretni bit' ćemo mi
Jučer, jučer, već su nestali sni
Ipak tad bješe lijepa ljubav za nas
Morgen, sutra bit ćeš kraj mene ti
Jučer, jučer, već preboljesmo mi
Ipak to bješe lijepo doba za nas

Danas još ja lutam sam
Danas još si osamljena ti
To je tužno, ja to znam
Ali sutra, sutra, morgen, morgen, morgen

Morgen, sutra, opet zajedno mi
Morgen, sutra, sretni ćemo biti ja i ti

Ali sutra, sutra, morgen, morgen, morgen

Morgen, sutra, opet zajedno mi
Morgen, sutra, sretni ćemo biti ja i ti

SYMBOL BANK – VISUAL LANGUAGE OF "MORGEN / TOMORROW"

NOTE: These symbols are shown in DRAWABLE form so they work on every computer and printer. Students should COPY the SHAPE, not the font.

RULE: If you can draw it in 10 seconds with a thick marker, it's a good symbol.

ARROW
Shape example: / ^
Meaning: Future, tomorrow, movement

HORIZON / LINE
Shape example: _____
Meaning: Path, journey, beginning

PARALLEL LINES
Shape example: || ||
Meaning: Connection, travelling together

SUN / HALF SUN
Shape example: ( ) (_)
Meaning: Morning, hope, new start

CIRCLE
Shape example: O
Meaning: World, unity

DOT
Shape example: .
Meaning: Now, moment

TWO LINES MEETING
Shape example: /\
Meaning: Meeting, friendship

OPEN SHAPE / DOOR
Shape example: [
Meaning: Opportunity, openness

WAVE LINE
Shape example: ~ ~ ~
Meaning: Music, rhythm, emotion

RISING LINE
Shape example: /
Meaning: Growth, positive future

COMBINATIONS (max 2 symbols):

- . + -> = now → future
- ( ) + ____ = morning is coming
- /\ + O = people together in one world

DESIGN TIPS:

- Bold lines only
- Maximum 2 colors
- No decoration, no small details
- Black works best for printing on tote bags