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### *7 Storyboard Examples You Can Use in Any Subject Area - 175*

In this episode, I share storyboard examples you can use in any subject area to help students organize their thinking and share their learning. You'll also hear how to access a free set of 15 templates you can use for storyboarding ideas and creating comic strips with students.

**Link to live show notes:** <https://classtechtips.com/2022/08/09/storyboard-examples-175/>

## Introduction

Hello there and welcome to today's episode of the Easy EdTech Podcast! If we haven't met before, my name is Monica Burns. I'm a former NYC public school teacher and I've been out of the classroom for a few years leading professional development for teachers, and writing about all things EdTech on my blog [ClassTechTips.com](https://classtechtips.com)

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## Today's Intro

This week's episode is titled: *7 Storyboard Examples You Can Use in Any Subject Area*

Are you looking for new and creative ways to use storyboards in your classroom? If so, you're in luck! In today's episode I'm sharing seven ways to get the most out of storyboards

that you may not have considered. And I have a set of 15 templates you can use — perfect for storyboarding and creating comic strips — that I’ll link to the shownotes for today’s episode.

Before we dive into the list, what exactly is a storyboard? Storyboards are used to sequence and plan a story. It helps the author envision different parts of the story, usually combining images or sketches with text or notes. If we head straight to Merriam-Webster for the definition of storyboard, here’s what you’ll find: “panel or series of panels on which a set of sketches is arranged depicting consecutively the important changes of scene and action in a series of shots (as for a film, television show, or commercial).”

There isn’t “one way” to use storyboards in the classroom, but before we dive into the list of ways to use them, one important consideration is to make sure your students know what they are. Share lots of examples and model for students as you create your own using ways on the list.

If you’ve used comic strips with students in the past, you might find that some of the same reasons apply to your decisions to try out a storyboard.

If you’re new to this idea or just diving in, today we’ll explore a few ideas to get started. Who knows? You might just find a new favorite way to use storyboards in your classroom.

## **Episode Transcript**

Today’s first way to use a storyboard is to help plan your writing.

A common way to use storyboards is to plan a story or piece of narrative writing. Students can storyboard a story before they start writing. This can help them map out the plot of a story in sequence and get them thinking about who belongs where and when in a story or whether the setting changes as the story progresses.

Another way to use storyboarding is to track character development in a story.

If you’re leading students in a novel study this year, you might have them storyboard as a way to monitor their progress through a long piece of text. When there are multiple chapters of a

book, characters often evolve and change over time. Students can use a storyboard and fill in a box at the end of each chapter to show how a character did or didn't change.

Try using a storyboard to map out the action of a current event.

In a social studies or English Language Arts classroom, your students might read about current events. A storyboard could be a tool they use to identify crucial moments related to an event in their community or the larger world. You might ask students to work collaboratively with a partner to discuss and pinpoint these moments as they add them to their storyboard.

Fourth on the list of ways students can use a storyboard is as a brainstorming tool.

I love graphic organizers of all kinds. If your students are brainstorming what steps to take to solve a math problem, how to tackle a science experiment, or anything that can be broken down into steps, a storyboard might come in handy. You can use a storyboard as a brainstorming tool that students revisit as they tackle a larger project.

Next up, storyboards can help students learn about careers.

At the beginning of today's episode, the Merriam-Webster definition of storyboards I shared might give you a few guesses at careers where storyboarding is common. For example, directors and cinematographers use storyboarding to prepare to film a movie or television show. App developers sketch out the user experience when they are creating new apps. If you want to help students explore different careers, you might make a storyboard connection.

One way you may not have considered using a storyboard is for visioning and goal setting.

If you try any goal-setting projects with students, you may want to add a storyboard spin to the project. How does this work? After students set their goal, ask them to create a storyboard that shows what it will look like as they work towards the goal, accomplish the goal, and move forward into the future. You might have students revisit this storyboard periodically throughout the year or share it with an accountability partner.

Last but not least, storyboards are a fantastic way for students to learn about each other.

You might try out a storyboard activity to help students learn about their classmates or other members of a group they are a part of. Students can choose a series of important or notable moments from their lives and create a storyboard showing each event. Students can use their storyboard for a moviemaking project where they introduce themselves to their classmates.

Whether you're looking for new ideas or just want to make sure you're using storyboards to their fullest potential, I hope these tips are ones you find helpful. And if you're looking for some ready-to-use resources, download the comic strip templates I made or use them as inspiration for your next project. You can find the comic strips freebie at <https://classtechtips.com/free-stuff-favorites/> or find the link on the shownotes for today's episode.

### **Tools for storyboards you might want to explore**

- Google Slides
- Canva for Education
- Adobe Express for Education
- Book Creator

### **So let's make this EdTech easy with some key points from the episode...**

Share examples of storyboards with students.

Storyboards can help students plan their own writing.

Try using storyboards in different subject areas like social studies or science.

Give students time to share and celebrate their creations.

Remember, you can find the shownotes and the full list of resources from this episode on [classtechtips.com/podcast](https://classtechtips.com/podcast) and finding today's episode #175!

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- [Canva for Education](#) (Graphic design platform)
- [Adobe Express for Education](#) (Free creation tools)
- [Google Slides](#) (Free Online Presentation Tool)
- [Book Creator](#) (Ebook creation tool)
- [15 ready-to-use comic strips templates](#)
- [7 Ways to Use Storyboards You Might Not Consider](#) (Blog Post)
- [Build Communication Skills with a Video and Storyboard App for Students](#) (Blog Post)
- [Video Editor and Storyboarding Tool for Online Teaching](#) (Blog Post)
- [StoryboardThat Paper-Sized Layout for Classroom Creations](#) (Blog Post)
- [How to Create a Comic Strip in Google Slides](#) (Blog Post)
- [5 Reasons to Try a Comic Strips Activity](#) (Blog Post)
- [Everything You Need to Know About Adobe Express for Education](#) (Blog Post)
- [Using Graphic Novels to Teach High-Level Thinking with Shveta Miller](#) (Podcast Episode)
- [Learn, Create, and Share Student Projects on Tract](#) (Blog Post)
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