

Day 1: Intro to unit

- Spread out comic books on desks
- Have students flip through and pick one to read front to end
- Discuss goal of unit: Character development, plot development, and setting
- Start PPT of lesson 1 - what are characteristics of comic books as a whole?

Day 2: The Origin Story

- Flip through a comic book looking for characteristics of a superhero
- Continue PPT lesson 1 filling out characteristics of a superhero
- Discuss the origin story to get to the words “tragedy” and “transformation”
- Show origin of Batman (diigo) <http://www.watchmojo.com/index.php?id=6860>
- Show origin of Superman (diigo) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqY6-gz5v4U>
- Start partner brainstorm; what will be your superhero’s origin - what is their tragedy - what is their transformation?

Day 3: Further development of Superhero

- Origin of Spiderman <http://watchmojo.com/index.php?id=6873>
- When Peter Parker discovers his super powers - what is his before and after personality?
- Peter Parker discovers his powers
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjz3uUnPkRI&feature=related>
- Developing the superhero identity- final slide of PPT lesson 1
- Developing the “regular” identity

Day 4:

- Discussion of best/worst superhero outfits and disguises
- <http://movies.yahoo.com/photos/best-and-worst-superhero-secret-identities-slideshow-3176/> - use for discussion
- Give time to create secret identity: what is their disguise, mood, occupation, age etc?

Day 5: Introducing the Nemesis

- Time to read comics; who are the villains in your books?
- Characteristics of a super villain - group brainstorm
- Supervillain origin - The Joker - video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kjl7obnGs>
- Supervillain origin - Lex Luther -video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1e_LyA3NSY
- Time to brainstorm: name, appearance, tragedy, ultimate goal, where does the evil come from, why are they battling your superhero?

Final product:

Due date: March 23rd typed or handwritten or a combination.

Cover: Your book should be placed/stapled/secured into a cover front and back. The cover should have: Name, Title and some form of art on it. The pages of your project should be in the

cover (like a mini book or brochure). The cover can be made out of paper, cardboard, tin foil, whatever you want to use as a material.

Inside the book:

- A biography of your a Superhero, not in list form! F.ex: Superman was born on August 7th, 1934 on the planet Kryptonite to two loving parents. Tragedy struck early when the whole planet exploded but Superman managed to be saved....
- Small or large drawing of your super hero.
- A biography of your super villain - don't forget to explain why they hate your super hero.
- Small or large drawing of your super villain.
- Setting - the story takes place.... again not in list form
- Small or large drawing of your setting
- If you want to add other things, please do, but it is not a requirement.