

Origin Story Project

Comics are known for their origin stories. In *Action Comics 1*, Superman was raised in an orphanage, could jump 1/8 of a mile, run as fast as a train, and deflect bullets with his skin. But as time passed, society changed, technology evolved, and Superman's origin story transformed. Krypton gets described in detail. An older couple raises Clark Kent on a farm. Superman's flies and uses x-ray vision.

Directions: You will create an origin story today, a story that introduces and develops a character. Focus on the setting – what actions and historical events can you include? How will your character(s) respond to these events? Think about character's personality – what events shaped his or her personality? What motivates this character?

Origin Story Project Requirements:

1. Select or create a character
2. Determine the setting
3. Select important historical events that will influence your character
4. Brainstorm (with bullet points) how you will show your character's personality, where the character comes from, and/or what will motivate your character)
5. Write a 1-2 page comic or comic script that tells your character's origin story
6. Write a 1 paragraph reflection on the writing process and your story

Origin Story Project Rubric:

	Advanced (20 pts)	Proficient (17-19 pts)	Basic (14-16 pts)	Below Basic (0-13 pts)
Brainstorm	Student includes clear, brief notes on all of the following topics: -character's personality - historical events - character's motivation	Student includes notes on all of the following topics: -character's personality - historical events - character's motivation	Student includes notes on at least 2 of the following topics: -character's personality - historical events - character's motivation	Student includes incomplete or unclear notes on 2 or fewer of the following topics: -character's personality - historical events - character's motivation
Comic or Script	Student writes a creative and logical origin story and all of following components greatly enhance the story: - panel layout - panel transitions - lettering - art style	Student writes a somewhat creative and logical origin story and all of following components enhance the story: - panel layout - panel transitions - lettering - art style	Student writes an origin story and 3 of following components enhance the story: - panel layout - panel transitions - lettering - art style	Student writes a cliche origin story or 2 or fewer of following components enhance the story: - panel layout - panel transitions - lettering - art style
Reflection	Student writes a clear, thorough reflection of the writing process and story	Student writes a somewhat clear reflection of the writing process and story	Student writes a brief reflection of the writing process and story	Student writes a unclear or incomplete reflection of the writing process and story