

Writing Activity: 'Toons

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Originally, **myths** were told orally by “professional” storytellers. Myths are still told by storytellers today, but they are also written and sometimes even illustrated in a comic book format. A “’toon strip” is a shortened version of a comic book. A ’toon strip has only a few panels and is useful for illustrating an individual incident from a myth.

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Directions: Choose your favorite incident from one of the myths you've read so far. Then illustrate the main parts of the incident in a 'toon strip of your own. Complete the blanks on the following screens to begin gathering information for your 'toon strip.

Myth:

Favorite Incident:

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Main characters in the incident: (Note: You might not use all the blanks or you may need to add more to accommodate your incident.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Main parts of the incident: (Note: You might not use all the blanks or you may need to add more to accommodate your incident.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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Now draw your 'toon strip on a separate sheet of paper. Illustrate each “main part” in a separate panel. Share your creation with the class.

Remember, 'toon strips

- tell a story in a series of easily understood pictures and minimal dialogue
- generally use only a few characters
- often rely on humor to make a point