CARTOONS AND COMICS

UNIT OVERVIEW

This cartooning unit is designed specifically for teachers (and students) with little or no talent when it comes to drawing. The lessons follow a progression from simpler less original activities to more difficult and more creative assignments. As well, teachers can choose from a number of optional activities that have been included to add flexibility to the unit.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

1. Making Faces -   Students redraw six common facial expressions in this introductory lesson.

2. Cartoon Cops Sketch Artist -   Students read eyewitness descriptions of four robbery suspects and make sketches for the cartoon police.

3. Cartoon Lettering -   Students print their first name using various styles of lettering.

4. Share Something Good -   Students draw a large-sized cartoon character and communicate a positive message using a poster format.

5. Original Cartoon Family -   Students create an original cartoon family of their own centred around a common theme.

6. The World's Oldest Jokes -   Students create two original comic strip characters who tell one of
**(Comic Strips)**   the oldest jokes in the world.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Cartoon Wordsearch

2. Cartoon Crossword

3. Animated Cartoons (Worksheet)

4. How to Make Your Own Animated Cartoon (Flip Book Activity)

5. How to Draw A ... (Dog, Cat, Frog, Gorilla)

6. Mad Magazine Fold-In

7. Who? What? Where? Why?

8. Cartoon Conversation (Language Arts)

MAKING FACES

Name _____

Instructions: Decide what emotion each face shows and redraw the face in the box below.
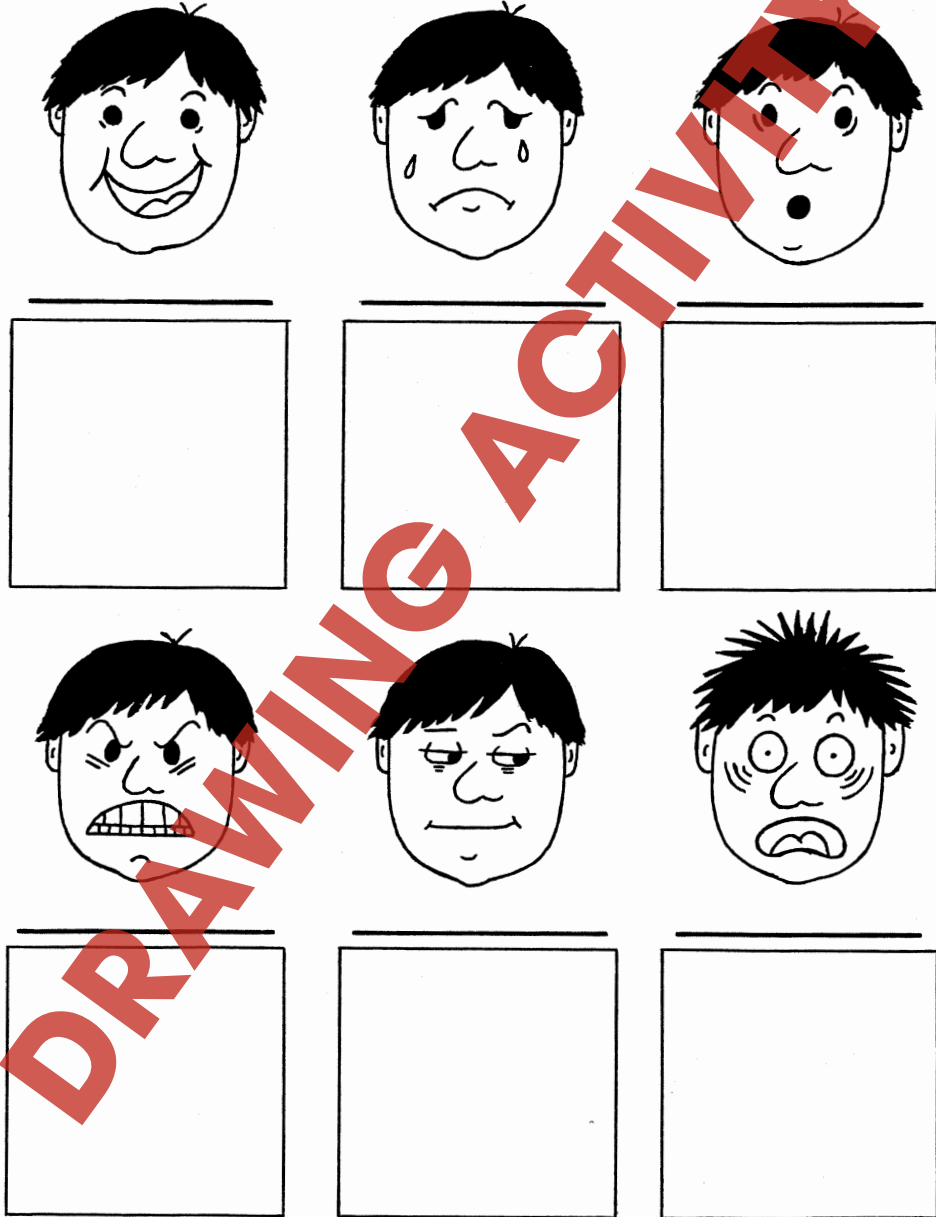
DARING BANK ROBBERY - Potatohead Gang at Large!

On September 5th, the four members of the notorious Potatohead Gang struck again robbing the First Metro Toonland Bank in a daring daylight theft. Two bank guards were seriously hurt in the escape and are currently in Toonland General Hospital being treated for eraser burns, multiple scissor lacerations (cuts), and staple wounds.

A spokesperson for the Cartoon Cops Police Department says the whereabouts of the suspects is unknown at this time although these descriptions have been made available to the public. *Caution! If you do identify any of the suspects, please do not approach them – they are armed and considered extremely dangerous - even downright nasty.*

ROCKO
Rocko is known to have a pear-shaped head, shifty eyes and a short, flat, wide nose. His tongue is always sticking out and he wears an earring in his left ear. His Mohawk style haircut and scar on the right side of his chin make him easily identifiable.

MEAN FLOYD
Mean Floyd has a long shaped head with a pointy chin and two bumps on top. He has a long straight nose, evil looking eyes, tiny ears and a mean looking mouth with no teeth. (For this reason, Mean Floyd never smiles!) His hair is jet black and can best be described as looking like a vampire's hair. He has round glasses. At the time of the robbery he was wearing as band-aid on his left cheek.

DYNAMITE GRANNY
Dynamite Granny has a square-shaped head with bloodshot eyes, granny glasses and a round nose with a wart on it. She sports a perfect smile due to her new dentures and has curly white hair. Dynamite Granny also has a mole on the left side of her chin.

MAC THE KNIFE
Mac The Knife has a roundish head except with a very pointy chin. His large round eyes are noticeable due to the bags under them. He has a Roman nose which is extremely hairy inside. He is missing three teeth and has big floppy ears. He has straight hair that forms a tuft on the top of his head and a handlebar moustache. As a result of his many knife fights, Mac has numerous scars and bruises all over his face.

SKETCH ARTIST TEMPLATE

(PROPERTY OF CARTOON COPS POLICE DEPARTMENT)

Head Shapes

Eyes

Noses

Mouths

Ears

Hair

Moustaches and Beards

Extras

mole   bruise   scars or
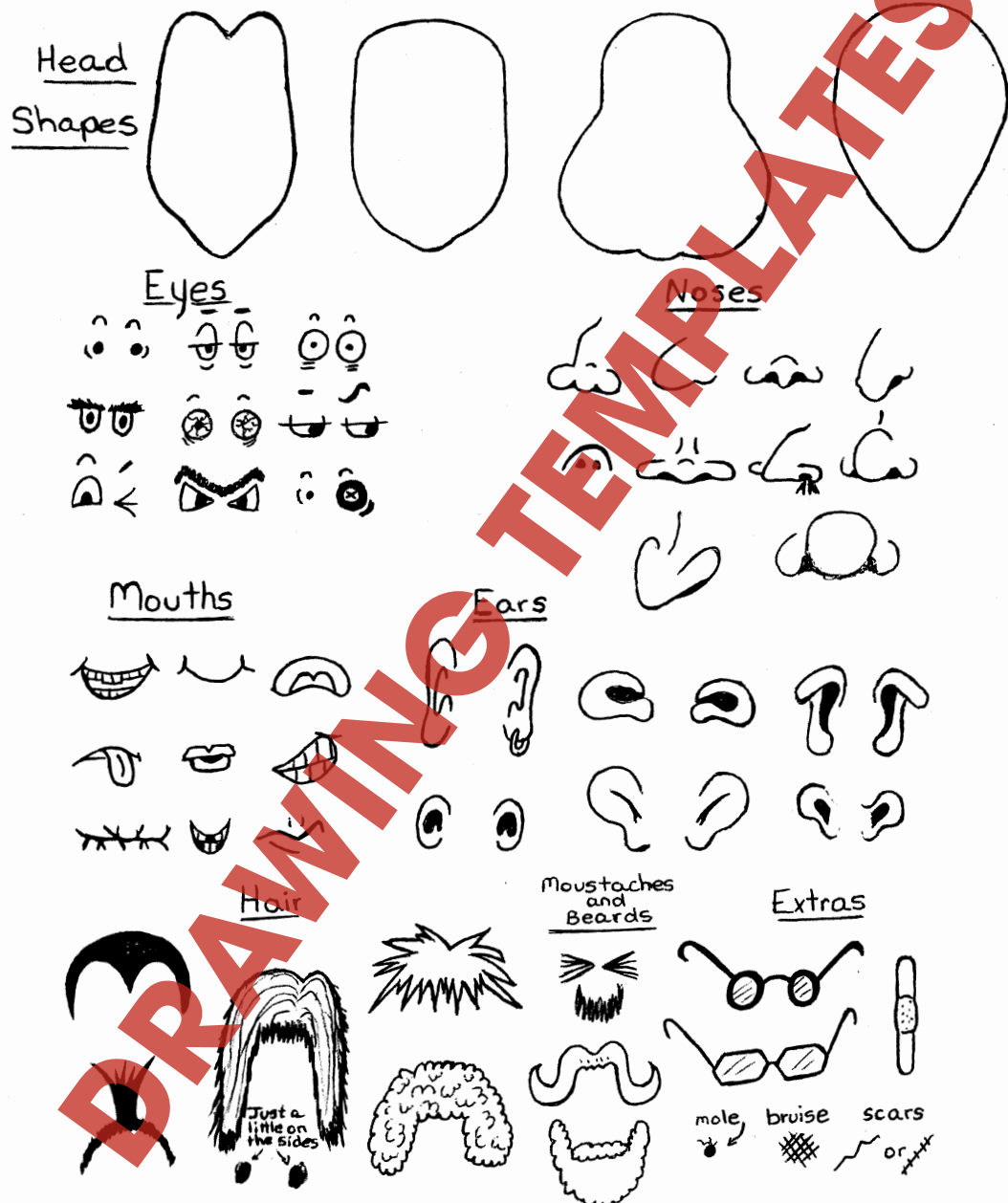
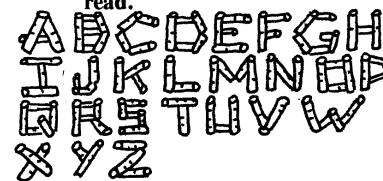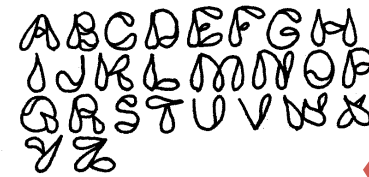## CARTOON LETTERING

Name _____

Instructions: Choose six out of the ten kinds of lettering and print your name between the spaces on the right. Remember, lettering for cartoons should be easy to read.
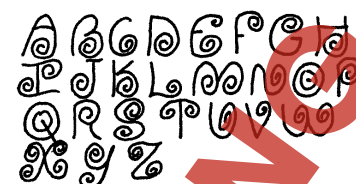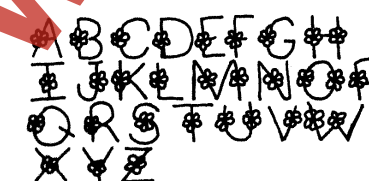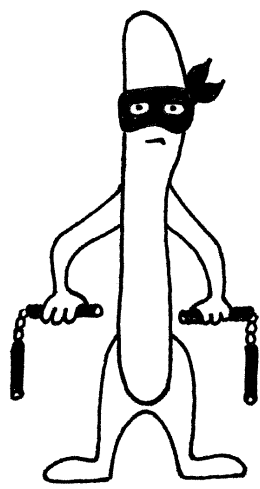
Sticks

Tears

Hypnotic

Electric

Flower Power

NINJA CUTLERY FIGHTERS

COLOURING

DonnoKnifeo

Mika-forko

Leospoono

Raphaladdelo

CARTOON CROSSWORD

Name _____

CROSSWORD

Down
1. This comic character developed by a Canadian named Joe Shuster in the thirties is now a TV show in the nineties.
3. Betty and Veronica are always fighting over this red-headed cartoon character.
4. A famous Disney mermaid.
6. Fred Flintstone's pal.
7. In the 1920's, A.   Milne wrote a book about a bear mascot that Canadian soldiers from Winnipeg brought to England during World War One. This honey loving bear was later made into cartoons.
11. The number of drawings needed to make one second of cartoon animation.
13. The name of Batman's city.
15. This rooster is always having chickenhawk trouble.
17. In the day these flying crime-fighters turn to stone.
19. Made the first cartoon with sound.
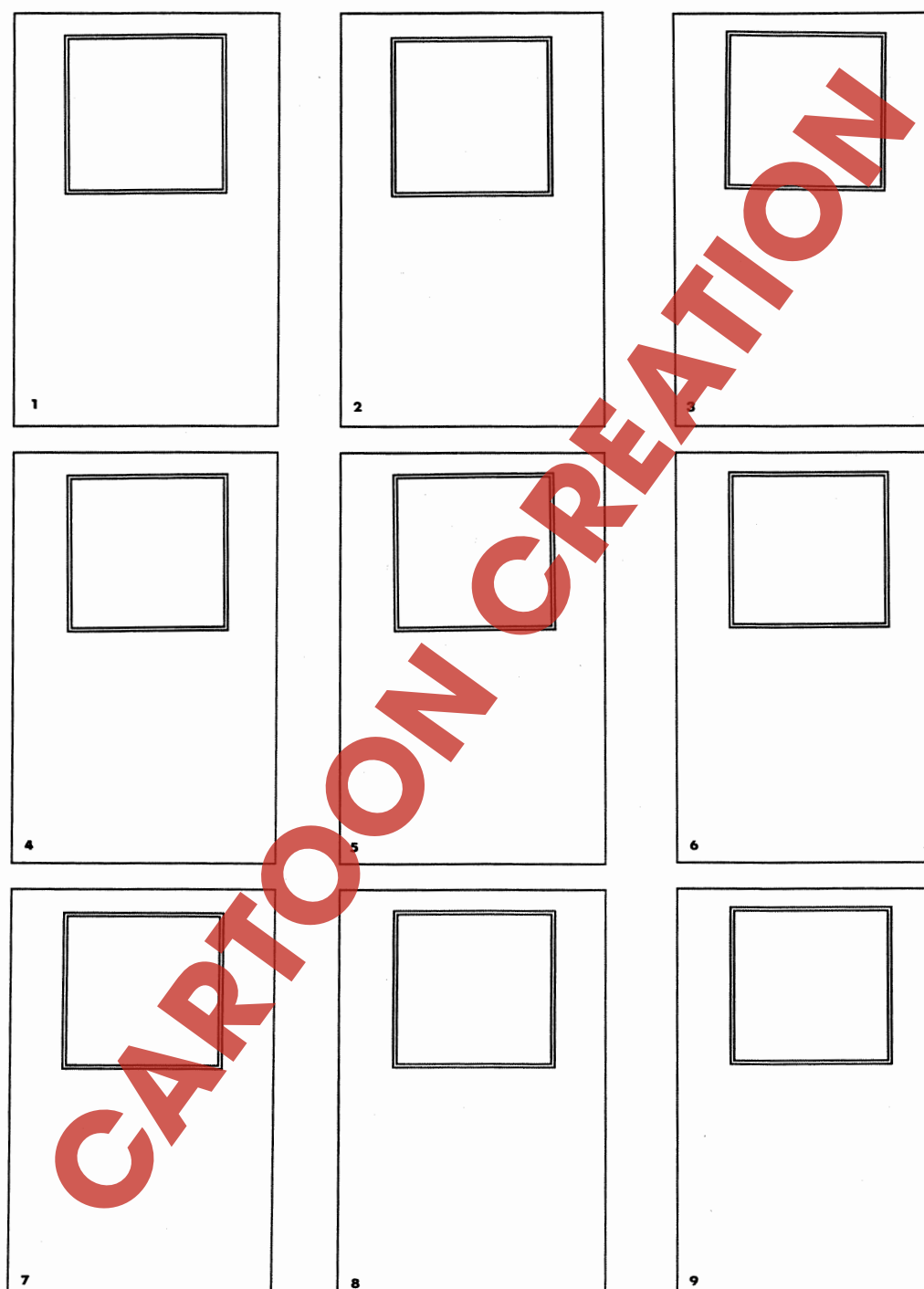20. This small-hearted character stole Christmas.

Across
2. This superhero appears in comic strips, comic books, movies and his own TV show.
5. Timon's friend famous for flatulence.
8. Jonathan Taylor Thomas (Home Improvement) supplied the voice for this character.
9. Superman's city.
10. Rocky The Squirrel's moose sidekick.
12. Is he strong? Listen bud. He's got radioactive blood.
14. Scooby...
16. Be very quiet...I'm hunting wabbit.
18. Fred says this when he is happy.
21. Mickey Mouse's name before he was called "Mickey".
22. This recent computer animated movie was a monster hit with Tim Allen and Tom Hanks helping with voices.
23. The home of the Flintstones.

Questions

(Answer *all* questions in full sentences unless it says to list)

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What does animated mean?
   _____
   _____

2. Why are animated cartoons slow and expensive to make?
   _____
   _____

3. How many drawings would be needed to make a movie that is sixty seven minutes long? (Show the math)

4. List the name of the first cartoon with sound? _____

5. Name the first full length animated movie? _____

6. Why are cartoons used in movie special effects such as showing laser beams?
   _____
   _____
   _____

7. Why is computer animation faster and easier than old style animation?
   _____
   _____
   _____

CARTOON CREATION

CARTOON WORDSEARCH

Name _____

FIND THESE WORDS:

BUGS BUNNY	ROAD RUNNER	SYLVESTER
TWEETY	SIMBA	SNOW WHITE
PUMBAA	MICKEY MOUSE	DONALD DUCK
TIMON	GARGOYLES	FRED
WILMA	DINO	GARFIELD
ODIE	WINNIE THE POOH	CHARLIE BROWN
POPEYE	SNOOPY	LUCY
ARIEL	GOLIATH	YOGI BEAR
ARCHIE	JUGHEAD	GOOFY
BART	HOMER	MARGE
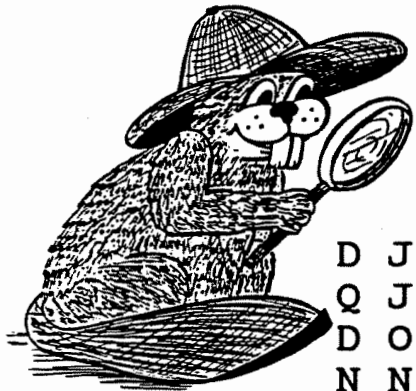
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E P F J U J D L S Y I S I M B A E D X I J
V P U W C K Q P C F H S N O W W H I T E W
V R Z J Y Q A D E A J V P U M B A A S F V
H O T H T U W Y H U N S D S V E K X Y W H
R L Q A R G P G B V Q K H E F A Z Q M F G
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ASSIGNMENT #1 - CARTOON WORDSEARCH

Objectives and Activities

There are no "real" objectives for this fun activity. Words are horizontal and vertical in the easy one and can also appear diagonally in the tougher one.

(Easy)

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G H E A D I N O . . . Y . . . .
A L D D U C K M . G O L I A T H . .
R . A R C H I E . . V . B W . .
E . R O A D R U N N E R A E . .
O . . G A R F I E L D S F R E D . .
Y . . W I L M A . . T . T T . . .
L . . . . I Y O G I B E A R Y . . .
E . . . . E . . . M R . . . .
S B U G S B U N N Y I . P . T .
. . . R . L U C Y . O . I .
. . . G O O F Y . K . . P . M .
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. . . . . S N O W W H I T E .
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(Hard)

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D N . N F E . . R I . S T . I G R . N . .
. O S G Y Y L . H F P . T W R B I . N . .
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T H . R L A I . M . . . O L B O . T . A .
. I A T E D . A . B H R . D A . . Y H . R
. T M . . D D . T . A . . . D A N . . P .
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ASSIGNMENT #2 - CARTOON CROSSWORD

Objectives and Activities

Students complete a fairly challenging crossword. Some of clues are taken from the following assignment "**Animated Cartoons**".

Students can work in groups. (The teacher may have to give hints if the clues are too tough)

(Solution)