Did you know that the Library of Congress holds over 140,000 issues of comics, the largest publicly-available collection of comic books in the United States? Use the Library’s comic collection as inspiration for becoming your own comic creator!

**GET INSPIRED**

Start by:
- Watching a comic creator in action! In the first 30 minutes of this video, Dav Pilkey talks about the newest edition in the Dogman series, and draws, too!
- Exploring the Library’s [Comic Art exhibition](#) online. As you look around, notice:
  - The different drawing styles.
  - All the characters – heroes, villains, sidekicks, and others.
  - How people and communities are represented.

**WARM UP**

Create an 8-page foldable comic using the template on the last page of this resource, which was created by the University of the Arts, a Library of Congress partner organization.

(Your Name)

Who are some of your favorite comic book or graphic novel characters?
Write them or describe them here:

Ready to be a comic creator?
You will need paper, pencils and, most importantly, YOUR IMAGINATION!
We all have different styles, but everyone can draw. Let’s warm up – practice helps.
Doodle some shapes in the space below - circles, blobs or whatever you like. Make at least 10 of each.

Next, make a plan. Who are the main characters? What problem will your characters encounter or solve? Think of three ideas to illustrate: a beginning, a middle, and an end. You can talk or think your ideas through or write them here on the Comic Brainstorm:
CREATE
YOUR COMIC

The Adventures of          ________________________________
                        (Your character’s name)

By                      ________________________________
                        (Your name)

The End