

# VIRTUAL CAREER DAY:

## Animator!



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TALKING POINT

Middle Grades



# Interdisciplinary

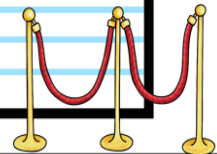
## WHAT IS AN ANIMATOR?

**animator** *noun*

an artist who creates several hand-drawn  
images which eventually become a movie

**animation** *noun*

the method of photographing a series of  
drawings to make a subject move; to  
become lively



# Integrates Reading

## WHAT IS AN ANIMATOR?

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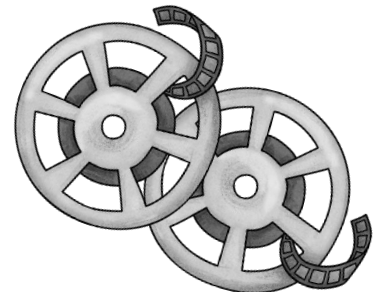
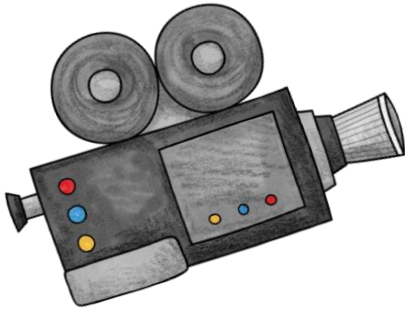
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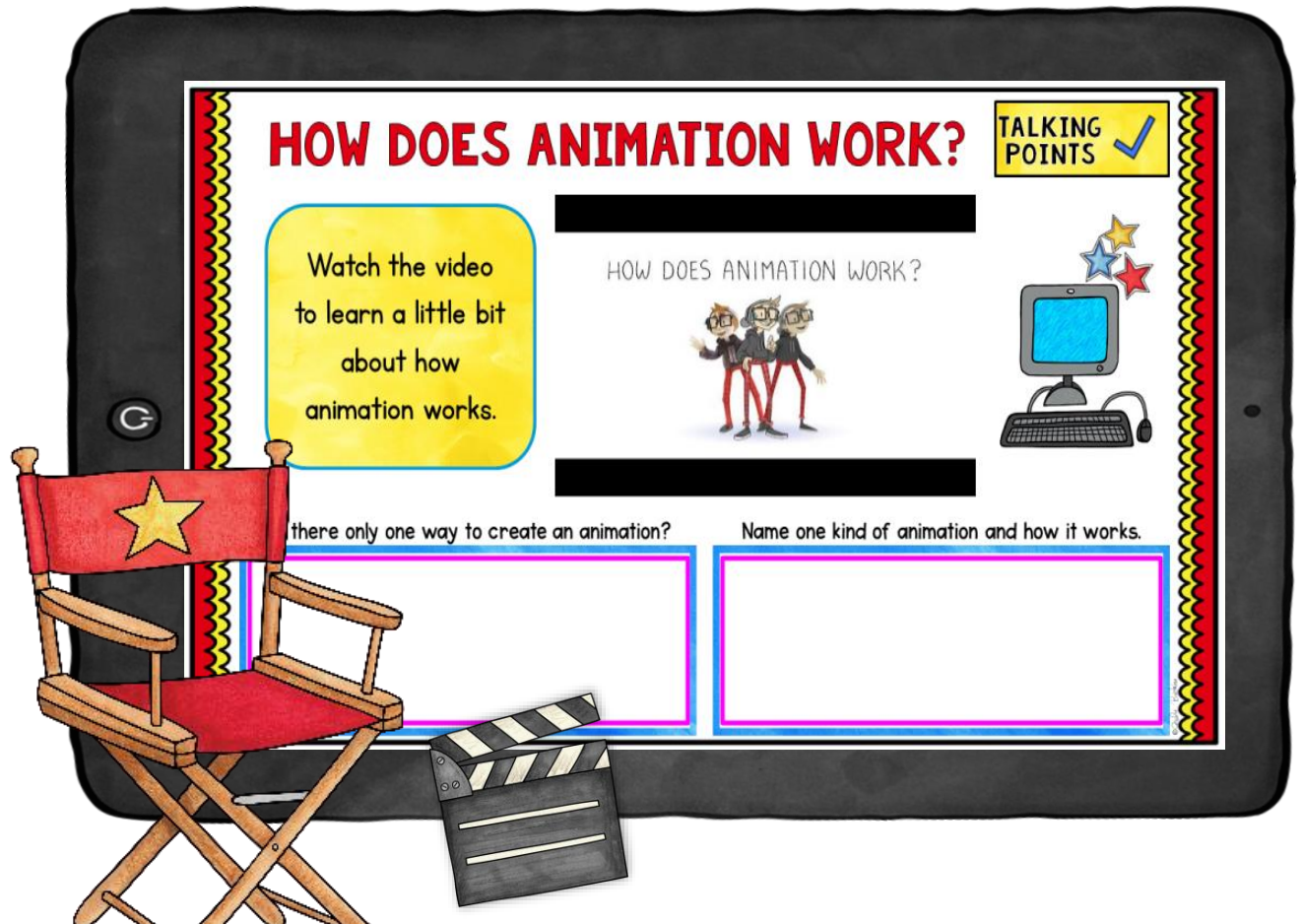




# Interactive Movable Pieces



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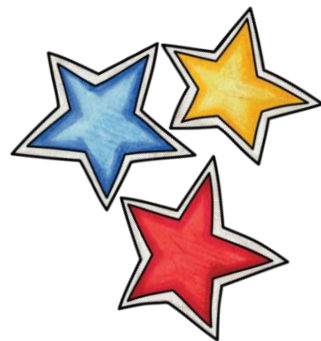


# Critical Thinking

## MEET AARON BLAISE: HOW TO DRAW A CAT

Aaron Blaise has over 30 years of experience as an animator! In this video, Blaise will walk you through how to draw a cat. This is the type of sketch/drawing that will get turned into animation.

Grab a pencil and piece of paper. Follow along with the video, then upload a photo of your drawing!

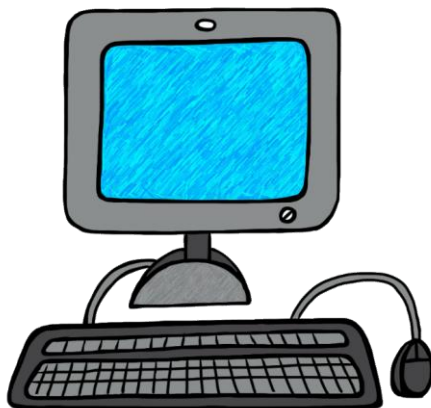


## MAKING ANIMATED MOVIES

Now that you know the basics of making an animated movie, reflect on the whole process.

- Are there any steps that you are surprised by, or you simply didn't know about?
- Will you have a different level of appreciation for an animated film the next time you see one?

### TALKING POINTS



# Writing Exercise

## REFLECTION



Reflect on what you've learned about animators and making animated movies.

1. Describe the work of an animator. How does their work directly impact you?
2. Is this a career you might be interested in? Why or why not?

A large, empty rectangular box with a blue border, intended for students to write their reflections. It is located in the center of the page, below the reflection questions.

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