

Animation

1. Create your own character

First step, create your own character, and a biography for them.

Your character should represent you in some way - you should have some kind of shared view or trait. Be inventive! Think of your character's backstory, what they look like and what personality they have.

Present your character in the way that best suits you... and them!

2. Storyboard it

Using the character you've developed, create a storyboard to map out a story that your character plays a central role in.

The story will need to be short – but the storyboard should be detailed. What will each scene look like? Are there any other characters? What is the dialogue (if any)?

If you need inspiration think about your favourite short stories, or you could even find ideas in jokes, nursery rhymes, songs or poems.

3. Get animated

Your characters are ready. Your story's good to go. Now it's time to create your animation!

You can use any animation technique you like, including a flip book, computer animation or a stop-motion animation using clay models, puppets or photos.

Different types of animation take different lengths of time, so you may need to adapt your animation style to suit the length of your story, as well as your own skills and interests.

Once you've created an animation you're proud of, share it with others, telling them about the techniques you used to make it.

Blogging

1. Tackle the trolls

Sometimes bloggers get negative and hurtful comments from trolls – people who go out of their way to be cruel.

Choose a blogger who writes about something you're interested in, and find some examples of how they deal with troll issues. Without focusing on the negative comments, record examples of how the blogger overcame the problem.

Then, using your examples, make a list of top tips, showing the different approaches your blogger uses. What are the positives and negatives for each approach?

2. Prepare your platform

There are lots of blogging platforms you can use to create your own blog. Some have pre-made templates and features you can use to create a fun and interesting website.

Find a blogging platform and customise your site to how you like it. Think about who your audience is, the personality and image you want to get across and the content you're going to display.

3. Get blogging

You can blog about anything you want - but being unique is good. It's also important to blog on a topic you're interested in.

Here are some tips:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce yourself in your first post. • Post regularly at scheduled times. • At the end of each post, mention the next time you're going to post. • Thank your readers for coming back and reading your blogs. • Connect with your readers by reply directly to one or two comments. <p>Taking these tips into consideration, choose a topic and create 5 blog posts. If you don't want to post the blogs online, you don't have to.</p> <p>Stay safe - read these guidelines before you get star</p>
Costumes	<p>1. Cultural costumes</p> <p>Find out about 3 different countries' or cultures' costumes and what they mean and symbolise.</p> <p>You can explore national dress, or clothes and accessories worn for celebrations or festivals.</p> <p>Then think about your own country or culture, and choose some clothes or costumes linked to special occasions. Chinese New Year dragons, pearly kings and queens, the use of traditional fabrics such as Sierra Leone's lapa fabric, Caribbean carnival clothes, beefeaters, kimonos, kilts, flamenco dresses... it's up to you! Present what you find creatively.</p> <p>2. Costumes in art</p> <p>Can you imagine a stunning ballet where all the dancers just wear everyday clothes? Would it be as spectacular?</p> <p>Costumes are a big part of everything from musical theatre, dance and circuses to drama, TV and films.</p> <p>Explore costumes from different art forms. Pick your favourite piece and reimagine it as an accessory like a patch, mask or piece of jewellery. Use fabric from charity shops or something from your own wardrobe. Remember to make it eye-catching!</p> <p>3. Cosplay</p> <p>'Cosplay' is a Japanese portmanteau (blending of words) of 'costume' and 'play'. It involves dressing up, taking pride in becoming a character and taking on their role.</p> <p>Look at images of cosplay costumes – you'll see the characters are often from comics, sci-fi, fantasy or gaming.</p> <p>Your task is to choose a character from a TV show, film, book, comic or video game and design or create at least one element of your own cosplay costume. Or why not make it a real challenge and make the whole thing?</p>
Creative writing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write a letter to your favourite character. Then, write a response as though you are the character. 2. Using people around you in public as inspiration, create your own character. Decide on their name, appearance, hobbies and unique qualities, then add more detail.

	<p>3. Write a short story, poem, TV scene or something else featuring your character. Use one of these ideas as a starting point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your character discovers that every time they draw an imaginary map of a place, it becomes real. • A letter arrives in the post containing only three words: “Don’t trust them.” • Every night, the same stray cat sits outside the window and stares directly at your character.
Nostalgia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask someone older than you what their favourite things from the past were. Find a way to bring nostalgia back to them. For example, play their favourite game, listen to their favourite song or watch their favourite TV show together. 2. Spend some time looking back and chatting with friends or family, or find old memories like photos, scrapbooks and diaries to look back at. Start putting together a memory box. This could be a book, box or something digital to look back on in the future. 3. Create a time capsule of the here and now for someone in the far distant future to uncover. Make it on your own or with others and include things like photos, songs and clothes to show what life is like right now.
Personal style	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Either for yourself or someone else, plan and style 3 outfits for three different events or occasions using clothing you already have. You could create outfits for an event, a dream day out, a concert, party or a sporting activity. 2. Create a system for clothes storage organisation. It could be colour coding, type, season or something unique. Create a guide or poster to explain your new organisation system. Think about whether you want to keep, donate, recycle or upcycle any of your clothes. 3. Create your own style guide. It could be physical or digital, a scrapbook, poster or mood board. Why not explore some styles from different eras or trends, like gothic, preppy, retro or sports wear?