

Storytelling with Japanese Kamishibai

Lesson 7: Manga & Kamishibai

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Learning Objectives

- Understanding the techniques and features of Japanese manga
- Demonstrate understanding of manga by developing own drawing techniques, using Japanese manga as a model.
- Experiment with a range of illustration skills (line drawing, drawing characters, and expressing emotions in characters).

Learning Outcomes

- Examples of manga characters/drawings in the manga style.

Scottish National Curriculum for Excellence Links

First level :

- I can create and present work using the visual elements of line, shape, form, colour, tone, pattern and texture (EXA 1-03a).
- I can create a range of visual information through observing and recording from my experiences across the curriculum (EXA 1-04a).

Second level:

- I can create and present work that shows developing skill in using the visual elements and concepts (EXA 2-03a).
- Through observing and recording from my experiences across the curriculum, I can create images and objects which show my awareness and recognition of detail (EXA 2-04a).

Keywords

Manga, illustrate, drawing, face, emotions

Resources

- How to Draw Manga Characters with Mio (Videos)
- Example Illustration [animals, male character, female character].
- Manga Style (Worksheets – Teacher and Student versions)
- Pencils, pens, paper.

Task 1 Draw in Japanese Manga-style

1. Explaining that one of the sources from which Manga-style illustrations evolved was kamishibai illustration (along with other traditional styles of Japanese artwork).

2. Look at **Manga Style Worksheet** together to look at the illustrations and discuss features of Manga (focusing on characters). In Manga-style illustrations eyes are normally large, with noses and mouths being small. Hair is often stylised. Make note of these features by sketching and writing key words. (It may be useful to focus on simpler styles of Manga characters in order to give all students greater confidence in illustrating the scenes of the story.)

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

Task 2: How to draw Manga characters

1. Watch video series **How to Draw Manga Characters with Mio**.
2. Discuss with the students the style of illustration demonstrated.

Estimated Time: 5 Minutes

Task 3: Create your Manga character

1. Using the Manga illustration examples, children practice drawing Manga characters which they will eventually include on their Kamishibai.

Estimated Time: 30 minutes

Feedback

- Students present their characters to the class, verbalising what techniques they have used to ensure that their drawing is in the style of manga.

Estimated Time: 30 minutes

Extension Activities

1. You may wish for children to experiment by drawing their own Manga style characters and fill in information about their character using page 2 of the worksheet.

