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## Cartoons and Silly Drawings

Featured Story

Shel Silverstein's

### A Giraffe and a Half

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## Inspiration from WAM's Collection



**Cartoon Sketches of Theodore Roosevelt and Insects (3 cartoons)** not dated, John Steuart Curry, American, Pen and ink over graphite on cream Strathmore wove paper. 1999.287 (<https://bit.ly/WAMCartoon>)

In the left-most of the three cartoons the artist envisioned Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America from 1901 to 1909, riding on an elephant and another man, perhaps Alton B. Parker, riding a donkey, in what could be a cartoon of the presidential race of 1904. The other two cartoons-center and right-are imaginative one-image cartoons of insects.

### Caricature Self Portrait

20th century, Miguel Covarrubias, Mexican, india ink applied with pen, on medium, smooth cream wove paper, 1985.191  
(<https://bit.ly/WAMMiguelCaricature>)

A caricature is a cartoon drawing of a person where focus is put on parts of the person that make them unique or different from others.

This is a self-portrait caricature, so the artist made a silly drawing of themselves.



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## Silly Scribbles of Me and You

### Supplies

- Paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Optional:
  - Markers
  - Colored Pencils



### Create

1. Choose your subject - will it be yourself or a friend or family member?
2. Look carefully - what makes this person unique? Large eyes, glasses, freckles, cool hair?
3. Start to draw the person and remember - it can be silly!
4. I suggest drawing the shape of the head first, then the details like eyes, nose, mouth and hair. Work in pencil so you can erase as needed!
5. Finish by coloring it in as you need.

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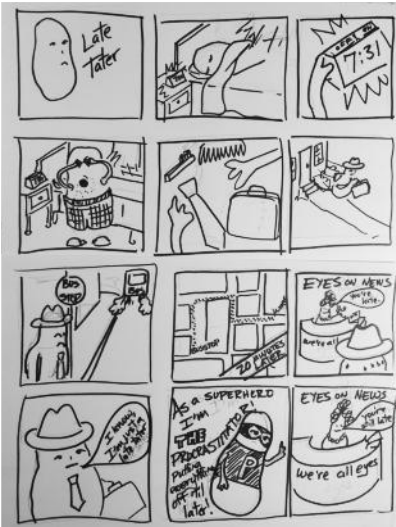
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## Comic Strips

### Supplies

- Paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Fine markers, pens, or colored pencils



### Create

1. Decide on your story. Fill out the following:

Main Character: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

Other Character 1: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

Other Character 2: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

Where are these characters?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What happens to them - what is the story?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Sketch out each of your characters

Main Character

Character 1

Character 2



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## Comic Strip 101

3. Sketch out your comic in pencil, then finish in ink!  
Don't forget your dialogue - the words your characters speak.
