

Quick Project Ideas

Summer Highlights, Dramas, and Dreams! K–6

Put a graphic twist on summer summaries. Plan a class video or comic book, using real or imagined “dream vacations.”



“Lights, Camera, . . . Vacations!”

In today’s world, students upload pictures and “home movies” daily. Ask students to share a picture or video of one or two vacation memories to use as a springboard for vacation stories. As they tell stories aloud, remind them that a sudden shift from high point to low point or vice versa can make for good storytelling.

Up the Drama

Activity: What Makes a Movie Moving?

Is the daily barrage of movies on social media really moving? What makes some movies more moving than others? Is it personal and familiar? Funny? Surprising? Have students discuss ways to create a movie that tells a story and delivers real drama. Examples are: humor, cliffhanger, surprise ending, great loss or destruction, or a conflict that may end happily or change.

Activity: Plan the Action

Movie directors pick and choose visuals that tell a dramatic story. They plan their storytelling with a storyboard—a sequence of images that shows the action. Distribute the “Two-Frame Storyboard” worksheet on page 2. Invite students to draw or paste two images that show a dramatic sequence from summer vacation. Then have them write a description of each action.

Present and Publish

• Many Media

To complete the Storyboard project template in the **TikaTok StorySpark Gallery**, students can upload photos or hand-drawn illustrations, adding captions below each scene. If they want to, they can develop the storyboard into a narrated slide-show or movie.

• Dream or Nightmare Vacation?

Encourage students to explore the limits of their imaginations by creating the plot line of a “dream vacation” they wish they had. They might include an event that ruins the dream or another event that saves the day!

• Ensemble or Solo?

The **Storyboard** project can be a class compilation where each student does a two-page spread. Or students can individually complete their own 12-to-24-frame sequence.



TikaTok Tip

To create the “My Pictures” gallery in TikaTok:

- 1) Photograph or scan artwork and save it to your desktop.
- 2) Rotate and crop digital images before uploading.
- 3) Open any project, then choose “Add a Picture,” “Upload,” and “Save.”

Storyboard: Action Sequence

Instructions: Draw or paste images that show a sequence of two actions or events that happened over summer vacation. The drama can be real or imagined. Write a caption for each scene.



