



Art Room and Classroom Activities

Scarlets Symphony: Make your own symphony book

Materials Needed: A copy of *Scarlet's Symphony* (purchase book or use RadishLane.com for the interactive digital copy), construction paper, computer paper, colored pencils or crayons, stapler (for teacher to bind book), download sheets provided on site.

Goals: To teach idea generation, brainstorming singularly, brainstorming as group, creative thinking, planning, goal setting, illustrating, how books are created, and build writing skills.

Execution: Title of each book will vary by student. For example, if Mike is making the book, his title will be called *Mike's Symphony*. Each student becomes the main character 'Scarlet' in their version of the book.

1. Talk about what a symphony is and read [©Scarlet's Symphony](#) together.
2. Begin guided activity. Location: Each student will pick a fun place. Try to offer examples and have a brainstorming session to name as many places as there are students in your class. Ex. Airport, zoo, school, outside, home, grocery store, mall, hockey game, beach, hiking, gym class...etc.
3. Once place is assigned/chosen, student brainstorms 5 things she might hear in this location. Ex. Zoo: bats flapping wings, snakes slithering, tigers roaring, seagull squawking, bison huffing.
4. Fun step: What do these sounds, sound like? Assist the student in sounding out the sounds.
Example: Bat flapping- Flap flap flap! Tiger- ROOOAAAAAARRRRRAARRRR!
5. Manuscript Creation: after your brainstorm session, now it is time to write the book. Download the Manuscript Creation Worksheet.
6. Once you've written your book, now it is time to Illustrate. Every book has a cover and an interior. Download the Illustrator's Book Planning Sheet for each student to plan their book!
7. Put everything together: Now you've done all your planning and it is time to start the final product!
8. Use 8.5x11 white paper for the interior and a piece of construction paper for the front cover.
9. Feel free to email the author (rachel@studioradish.com) to show final products!