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# Creative kickstarters for any class

## CREATIVE COMMUNICATION WITH

### Ch Adobe Character Animator

In this project, students build storytelling and communication skills by creating, animating, and giving voice to unique digital characters.

#### 1 DOWNLOAD A CHARACTER

Go to [headsofcurriculum.com](https://headsofcurriculum.com) and download a pre-made character. This will give you a puppet file that you can use to get started. For future projects, your students may want to create their own custom characters, but let's start with the basics for now.

#### 2 IMPORT YOUR CHARACTER

In Adobe Character Animator, click **New Project** in the top left, then save your project file. Hit **File/Import** and select your puppet—it should then appear in the project panel. Next, drag the puppet down to the timeline at the bottom of the screen.

#### 3 SET THE SCENE

If you have a webcam connected, you should be able to see yourself in the top right—notice that the character follows your movements! To align everything, simply adopt a neutral, front-facing pose in the webcam view and press the **Set Rest Pose** button. Next, import a relevant image (repeat step 2), and add it to your timeline, making sure to place it underneath the character on the timeline so it doesn't obscure them.

#### 4 RECORD A VOICEOVER

Get yourself centered in your webcam and hit the red record button to start recording a take. All you have to do is speak as if you're appearing on the screen explaining a concept, but the puppet will be doing all the work! Remember, you can delete takes you don't like, and move the timeline slider back to the beginning to set up a new recording.

#### 5 EXPORT AND SHARE

When you're happy with your video, hit **File/Export/Video via Adobe Media Encoder**, then choose a location. When Media Encoder opens, simply hit the green play button, which will create a shareable mp4 file containing your video, ready for sharing.

Now that you've experimented with these examples, find projects that inspire you and create amazing work for any subject.

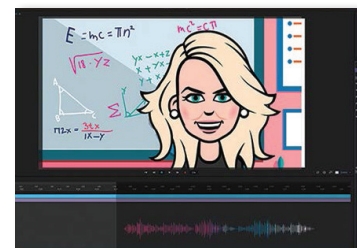
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#### Project Ideas

- Puppet shows for creative writing classes
- Biography presentations for social studies classes
- Student-led lectures for math or science classes



#### In-app tutorials



Character Animator comes with a full set of user support in the form of in-app tutorials and online help. Get valuable information and tips on recording, arming, staging, and editing your scenes, including adding backgrounds and controlling the camera view.

#### Heads of Curriculum



Heads of Curriculum is a website offering educators a one-stop shop for everything needed to get started with Character Animator. There are beautifully crafted puppets such as Einstein, Queen Elizabeth I, and Goethe, all available for free.