What great children's literature do you use to connect STEAM and Making?



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# INNOVATION LITERACY

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Just how creative are you?

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#### Goals

- Build an understanding of the importance of STEAM Education and the Maker Movement
- Discover 3 pathways to incorporate STEAM Maker learning into English Language Arts
- Engage in hands-on learning connected to children's literature



#### Resources

- All materials for this session are available on my website:
- www.steam-makers.com
- Check out my STEAM Makers Pinterest page:

https://www.pinterest.com/jaciemaslyk/steam-makers/

- Please tweet about the session using #STEAMMakers
- @DrJacieMaslyk

- Infused innovative literacy practices over the last 2 years
- Increased PSSA ELA scores at grades 3, 5, and 8
  - Grade 8 scores increased by over 15%
- Named a High Progress Title I School at Hopewell Elementary
  - Opened a makerspace
  - Exploring flexible seating options

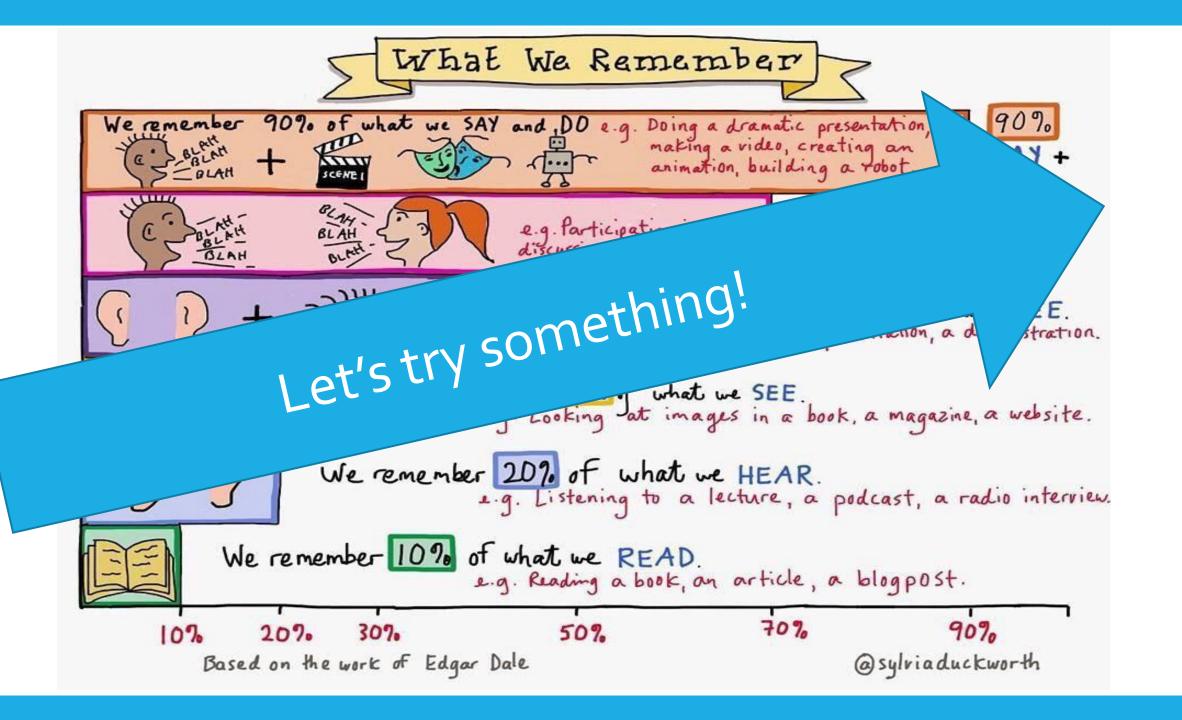




#### **Formative Assessment**

- I know about STEAM and use it in my classroom/school.
- Hands-on making is a part of my instructional practice.
- Innovation and creativity are embraced in my school/classroom.





Innovation Literacy

A way of thinking that creates new experiences around literacy

teaching and learning through creativity and design.

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Requires thoughtful integration into the curriculum

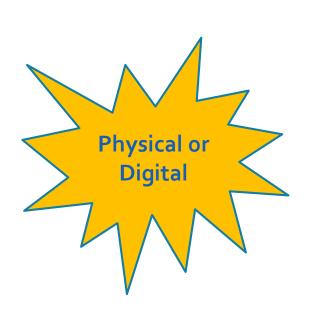
• Revolves around the idea that:

Science & Technology interpreted through Engineering & the Arts, all based in Mathematical elements.

(Yakman, 2009)

## Making

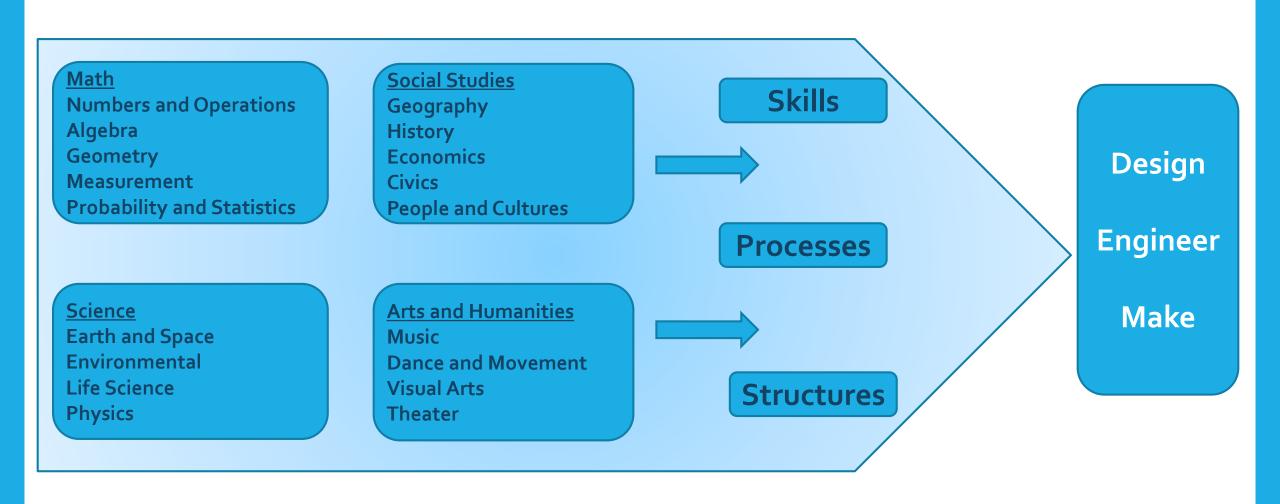
• An opportunity to learn through hands-on/minds-on work that fosters curiosity, creativity and innovation through messing, building, designing, hacking, and remaking.





#### **STEAM Maker Framework**

How might we develop an overarching question or problem (real world or based in text) the students can work together to solve?



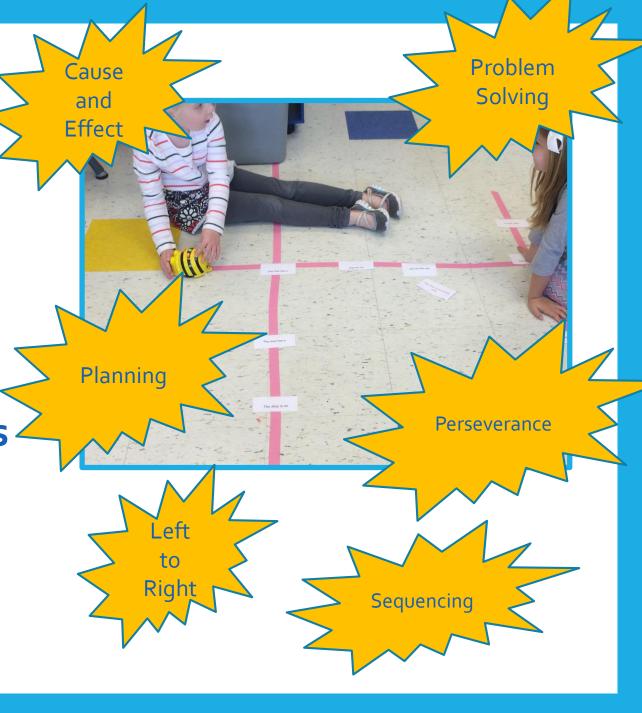
#### **Maker Movement**

• "The shift to "making" represents the perfect storm of new technological materials, expanded opportunities, learning through firsthand experience, and the basic human impulse to create."

(Gary Stager, 2014)

# **Learning Benefits**

- Work collaborative in groups
- Follow a plan
- Give and receive feedback
- Develop learning dispositions



## What's your PURPOSE?

- Integrate STEAM and Making to:
  - Challenge students to think differently and deeply
  - Build problem solving skills
  - Establish meaningful connections that build and expand student understanding

#### **STEAM**

Scratch Jr., BeeBots, Puzzlets,
Squishy Circuits

Rokenbok, Osmo, Finch Robots, Ozobots, Lego We-Do

Scratch, Snap Circuits, Bloxels, Little Bits

Makey-Makey, Stop motion animation

Sphero, K'Nex, Extraordinaires

Vex IQ, Hummingbird, Drones

#### Making

Each grade level should begin to develop skills in:

-woodworking
-circuitry
-sewing
-digital animation
-deconstruction
-re-purposing and
recyclable art
-building and design
challenges

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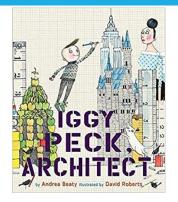
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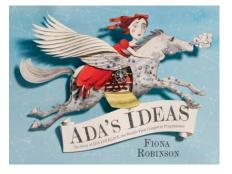


## **3 Literacy Connections**

- Content
- Theme
- Dispositions

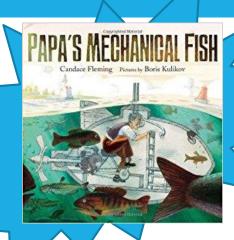
#### Content



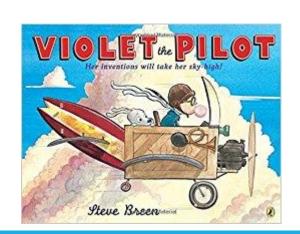


WHAT DO YOU DO WITH AN IDEA?

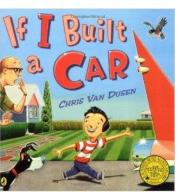
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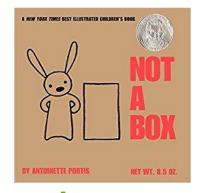
- Iggy Peck Architect by Andrea Beaty
- Ada's Ideas by Fiona Robinson
- What Do You Do With an Idea? By Kobi Yamada
- Papa's Mechanical Fish by Candace Fleming
- Ideas Are All Around by Philip Stead
- If I Built a Car by Chris Van Dusen
- Violet the Pilot by Steve Breen

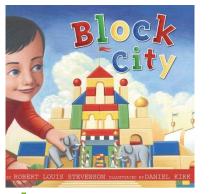






#### Theme

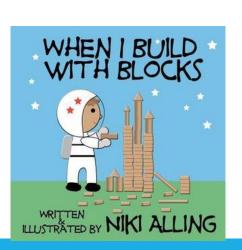


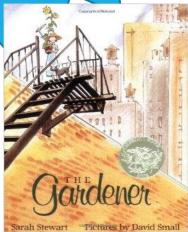


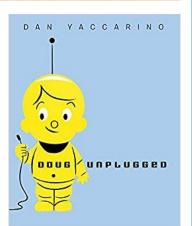




- Not a Box by Antionette Portis
- Block City by Robert Louis Stevenson
- What To Do With a Box? By Jane Yolen and Chris Sheban
- Just How Long Can a Long String Be? By Keith Baker
- The Gardener by Sarah Stewart
- Doug Unplugged by Dan Yaccarino
- When I Build With Blocks by Niki Alling

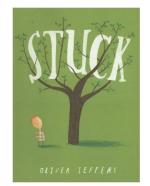






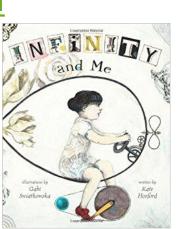
## Dispositions







- The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires
- Stuck by Oliver Jeffers
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hipx6HJs4XQ
- Green City by Allan Drummond
- Marvelous Thing That Came From a Spring by Gilbert Ford
- Swap! By Steve Light
- Infinity and Me by Kate Hosford



## **Secondary Literature Selections**

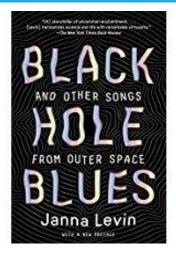
- The Giver
- Ender's Game
- Long Walk to Water
- Lord of the Flies
- Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- The Martian
- Ready Player One

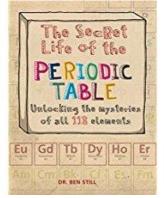


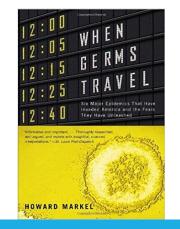


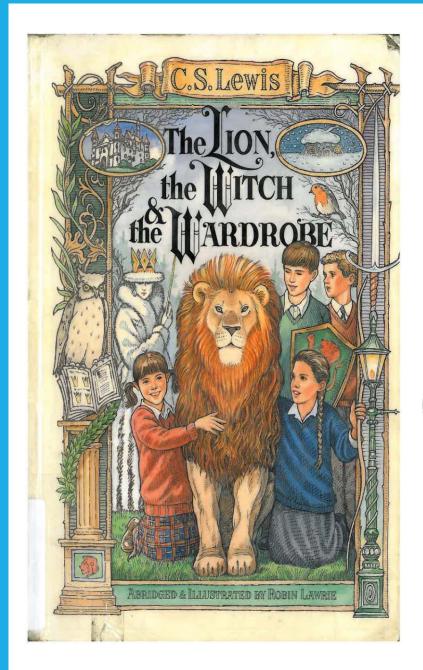
## **Secondary Content Literature**

- The Secret Life of Equations
- Weapons of Math Destruction
- When Germs Travel
- Black Hole Blues and Other Songs From Outer Space
- The Secret Life of the Periodic Table











#### Let's Make!

- Use the character cards to think about a popular character from children's literature.
- Discuss what problems this character might need to solve.
- Use the materials provided to design one of the items.

#### Character Design Challenge

#### 1. TRANSPORTATION

Design a mode of transportation that would work for this character, considering time and space.

#### 2. HOME

Design a home, hideout, or space to relax for the character. What materials would be available and work best for what we know about the character?

#### 3. TOOLS

Design a gadget that would help the character to solve a problem.

#### 4. RECREATION

Design an item or a place that the character could play, exercise, and have fun.

#### 5. ACCESSORIES

Design an accessory, piece of clothing, or other item that would enhance the look or comfort of your character.

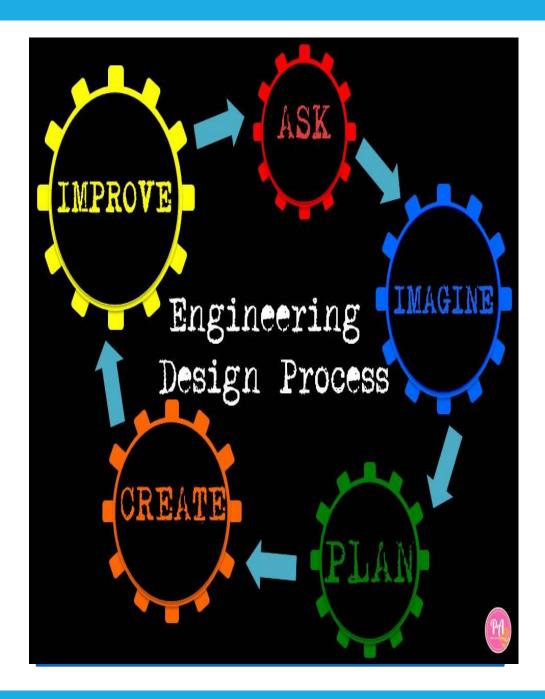
#### 6. YOUR CHOICE

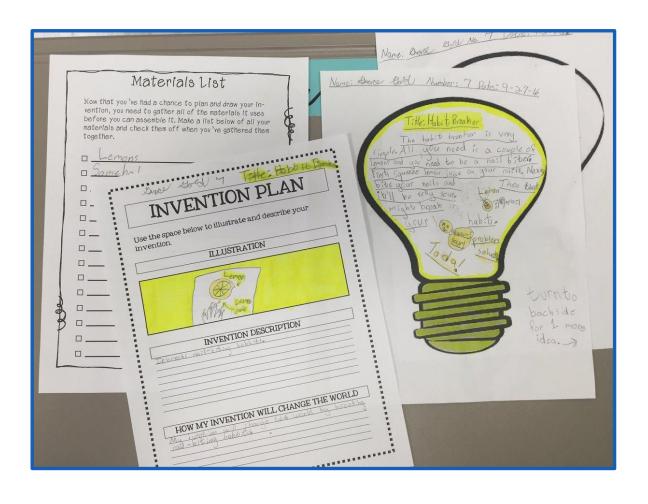
Design any of the items above.

# Simple Ways to Add Making to ELA

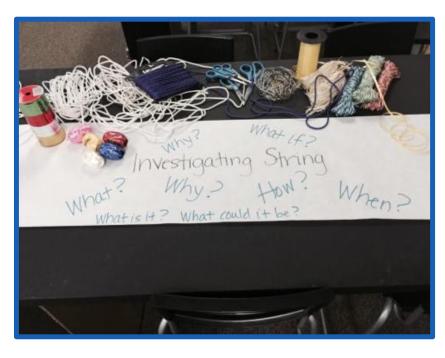
- Create a new ending to a story using video animation
- Build a model of the setting for the story
- Bring the character to life through design/draw/build
- Construct a 3D scene of a story
- Design a solution for a problem a character is having



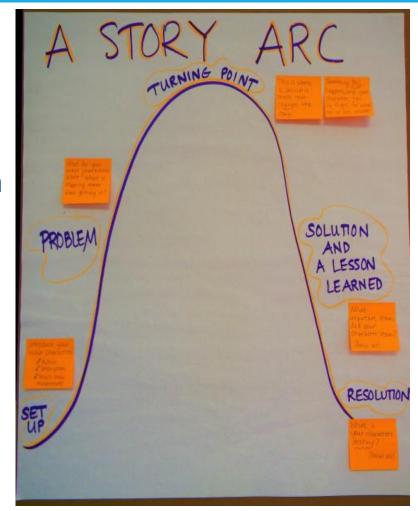


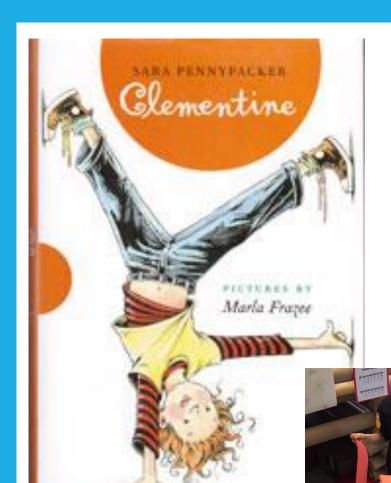


## **Tinker Trays**

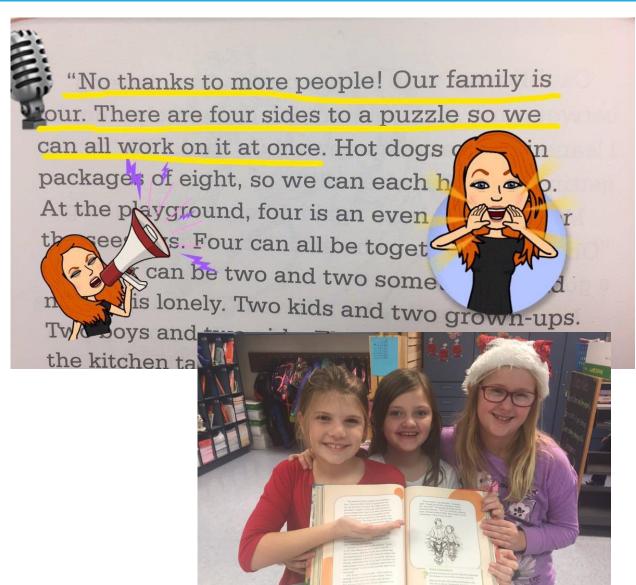


- What if we played with the string of our story arc the way we play with real string?
- What if we tied it together?
- Wove it?
- Created purposeful knots?
- Began with the resolution?
- Made a circle of our story



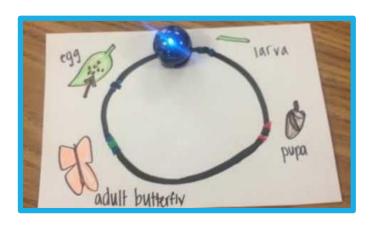


**#BookSnaps** 



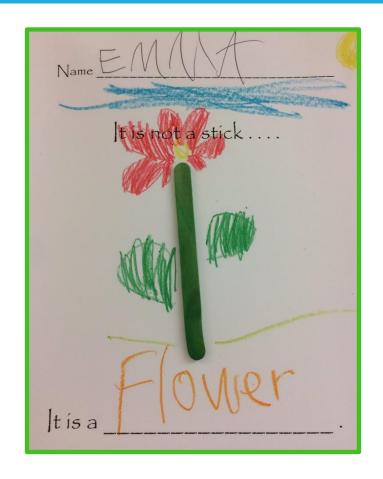
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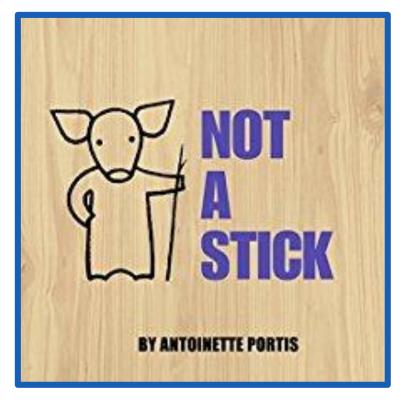




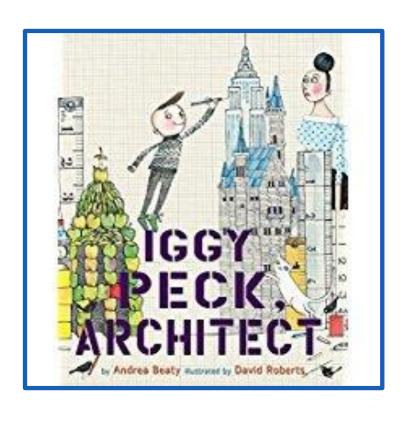


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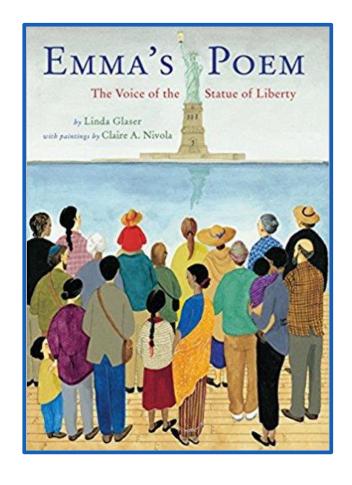




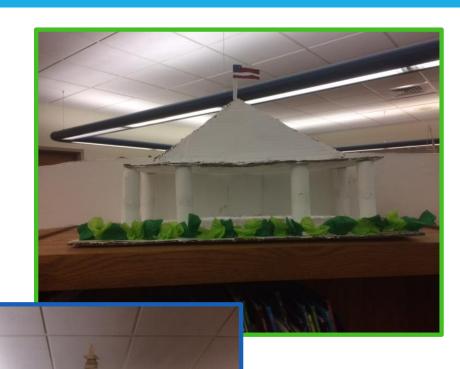


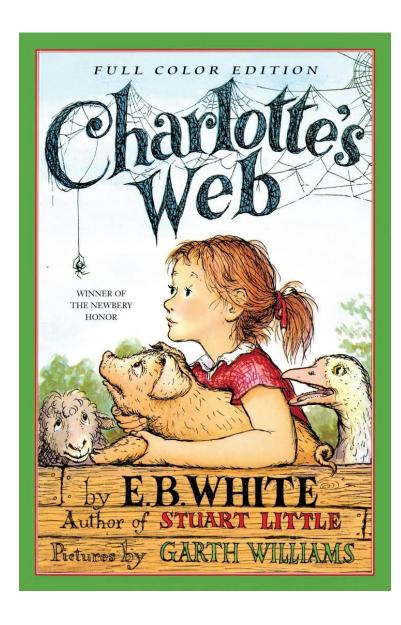












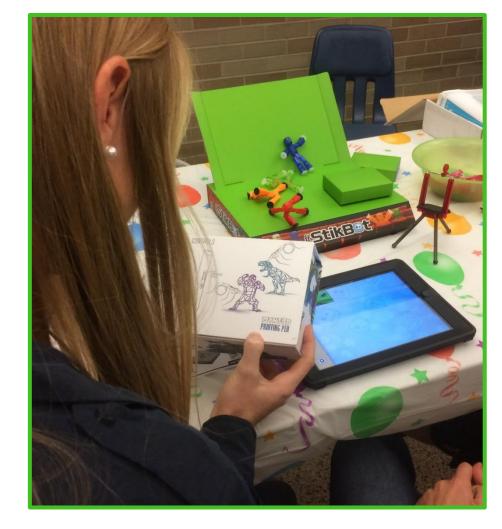


# Video Production and Animation

- Stikbot
- Green screens





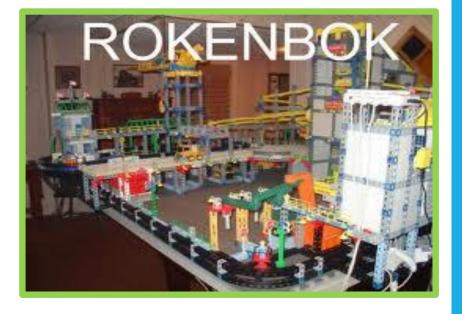




# Writing







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