



Story Cubes:

Inspiring stories

Subject: Creative Writing/Drama

Grade Level: M2

Time to Complete: 45-60 minutes

Create your own story cubes to spark your imagination and inspire your stories.

Story Cubes are a set of cubes with pictures to inspire story telling.

IN THIS PROJECT, YOU WILL:

1. Create 3 individual story cubes
2. Use the cubes to create a story/play

WHY USE STORY CUBES:

1. They help inspire story telling
2. They provide limitless story opportunities

VOCABULARY:

Cube, character, setting, vehicle, villain/monster, mountain fold

MATERIALS:

- Drawing Tools (pencils, markers, pens, crayons, etc.)
- Plain White Paper
- Glue (stick or liquid)
- Scissors

Helpful, but not necessary:

- A printer to print out the [cube template](#)
- A computer, tablet or smartphone to view an instructional video

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- [Story Cubes Video](#)

MAKE YOUR CUBES:

1. Draw (or print) 3 [cube templates](#). If you are drawing by hand, follow the instructions on the template page.
2. Decorate your cubes with a picture on each square.

CUBE 1: Character cube

- Brainstorm a list of types of characters. Choose your favorite 6 and draw them on CUBE 1. Examples: superhero, spider, dentist, vampire

CUBE 2: Setting cube

- Brainstorm a list of settings or places. Choose your favorite 6 and draw them on CUBE 2. Examples: park, classroom, Mars, castle

CUBE 3: Vehicles

- Brainstorm a list of vehicles. Choose your favorite 6 and draw them on CUBE 3. Examples: bicycle, boat, spaceship, car

Be creative & have fun. Add details using crayons, markers, or colored pencils to color your pictures.

3. Carefully cut out your cubes.
4. Fold your cubes. Make sure all your folds are mountain folds (fold should be highest peak).
5. Glue your cubes together. Be patient, this will take a little bit of time. If possible, watch the video to see how to glue the cubes together.
6. You're finished! Now, use your cubes to create a story. Roll each cube to find out your characters, setting, and vehicle.
7. Extra: Make additional cubes with more characters, settings, objects, etc.

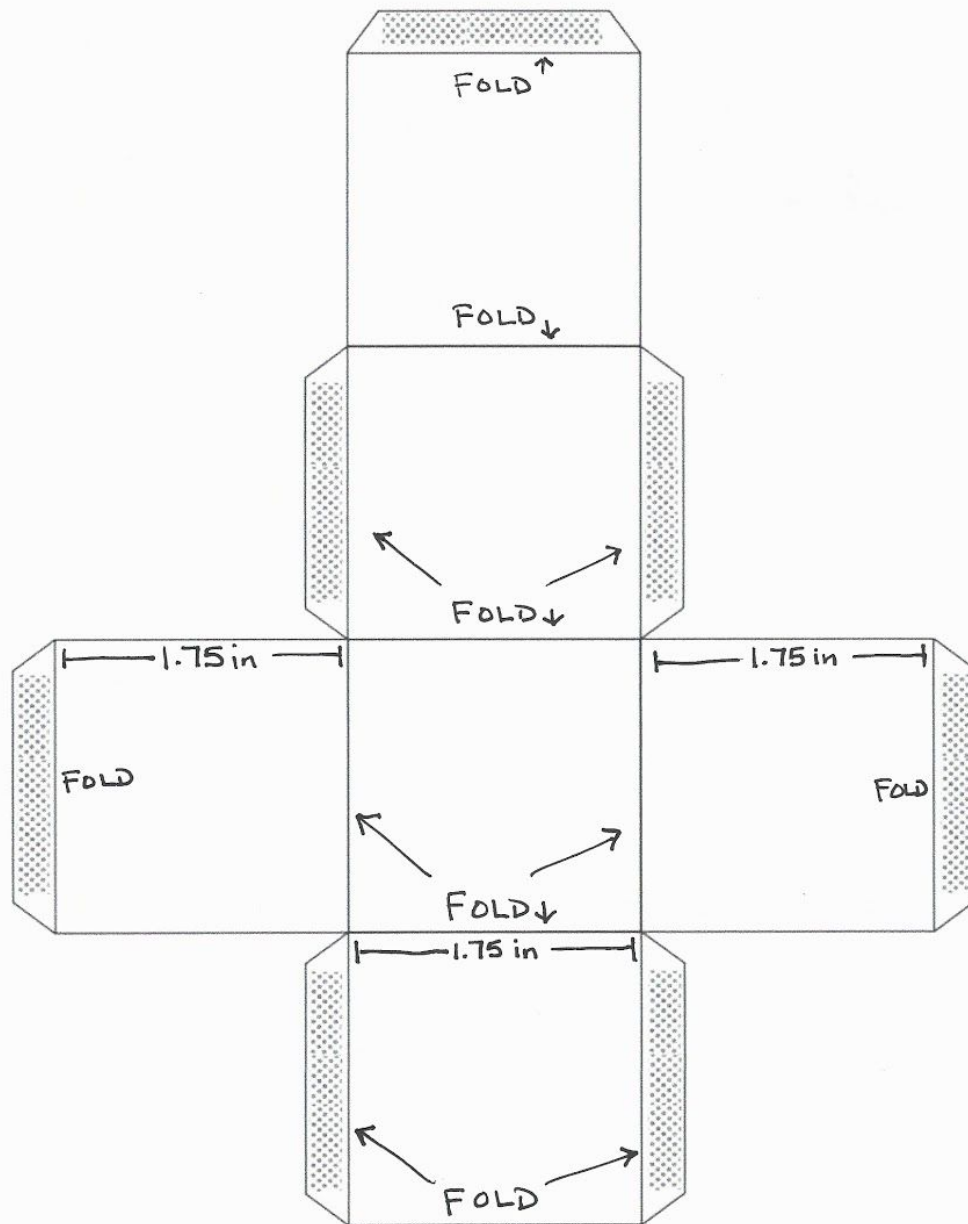
SHARE OUT:

1. Share your new stories with your friends and family!

2. Ask them do role the dice and tell their own story.
 - Extra: Act out your stories with your friends or family. Everyone gets to play a part!

SELF REFLECTION:

1. What artistic choices did I make?
2. What problems did I solve?
3. If I were to do this activity again, I would do these things differently:



Instructions:

1. If possible, trace this page to create your cubes.
2. If you draw by hand, make sure each square is the same size (1.75 in x 1.75 in), and don't forget your tabs for the glue!