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Crazy Cartoons



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Introduction

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Is there anything sweeter than the sound of a child's laughter? I love hearing their laughter and fun antics, and this title has allowed me to tickle their interest and capture their imagination. From the history of cartoons to learning about famous cartoonists like Walt Disney, this study brings fun-filled days of learning and good times.

When I was a child, one of my favorite things to do was to be the first to get the Sunday paper and read the cartoons early in the morning. We called these the "funny papers," and they were just that! From *Family Circus* to *Peanuts* and many others, what a way to start off the day with a smile. Of course, the Saturday morning cartoons on television were also a big favorite at our house. The kids were up early, and our parents got to sleep in on Saturdays!

Choosing this topic for a Download N Go™ study was easy for me, since I have had my share of children who like to draw and doodle, just like their mom. The walls of my office are covered with their drawings and cartooning efforts, and the view from my desk still makes me smile. With this study/lapbook, your child will investigate all kinds of things about cartoons as well as learn about animation and computer animation. Each day, she will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to her Crazy Cartoons lapbook — building a wonderful reminder of all that she is learning to enjoy for years to come.

With *Crazy Cartoons*, your student will learn about cartoonists and the art of cartooning, along with the types of cartoons and early cartoon animation. She will learn how to make flip books and even a zoetrope for hands-on science learning. She will study the work of cartoonists like Hanna and Barbera, Bill Peet, and Jim Davis.

With Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week long with five daily lessons and lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation, waiting time, or expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook: a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

So get ready for a fun experience, and thanks for joining us in our drawing adventure as we take off with *Crazy Cartoons*. Stay tuned: new titles are coming out soon, including *Handsome Horses* and *Prairie Pioneers*!





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Daily Objectives

Day 1: What Is a Cartoon?

1. How do you describe a cartoon?
2. What are the main types of cartoons?
3. Learn about single-panel cartoons.
4. Cartoonist of the Day: Walt Disney

Day 2: The Story of Cartoons

1. What's the story on cartoons?
2. Become familiar with cartoon strips.
3. Learn about cartoons and traditions.
4. Cartoonist of the Day: Charles Schulz

Day 3: Science Secrets of Cartoons

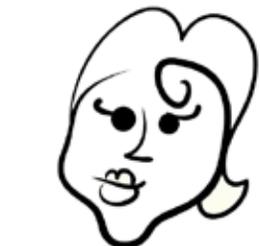
1. What is animation?
2. Let's learn about the zoetrope.
3. How does a flip book work?
4. Cartoonist of the Day: Jim Davis

Day 4: Cool Things About Cartoons

1. Cartoonists and art.
2. Learn about early cartoon animation.
3. What is cel animation?
4. Cartoonist of the Day: William Hanna and Joseph Barbera

Day 5: Goodies and Gadgets of Cartoons

1. Cartoons are fun!
2. Become familiar with computer animation.
3. Cartoons and stamps.
4. Cartoonist of the Day: Bill Peet



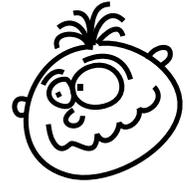
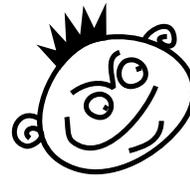
Day 5

Goodies and Gadgets of Cartoons

We have been busy this week learning so much about cartoons! We are going to begin today with some silly cartoon videos:

Video: [Coyote and Road Runner](#)

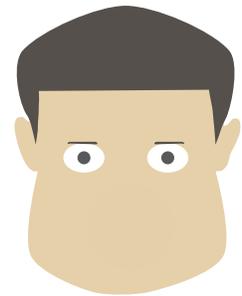
Video: [The Hairbrush Song](#)



Cartoons are one of the fun things that many people around the world enjoy! *Take a look at these links and choose your four favorite cartoons:*

[Cartoon Characters](#)

Video: [The Cartoon Song](#)



My four favorite cartoons are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



Today we're going to learn more about computer animation.

What's the name of the first full-length cartoon movie made using computer animation? *Write your answer below.*

[The First](#)

Have you ever seen a computer-animated film? If so, which one is your favorite? *Write your answer below.*

[Feature Films](#)

[VeggieTales](#)

Let's learn more about computer animation:

Video: [Pixar Animation Tour](#)

Video: [Computer Animation](#)

[The Pixar Process](#)

