

WHERE DO ZINES COME FROM?

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WHY IS IT INTERESTING?
 YOU CAN USE ZINES TO PRESENT SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT OR INTERESTING TO YOU, FOR EXAMPLE, DESCRIBING AN ADVENTURE FROM YOUR VACATION. A ZINE CAN BE A GIFT FOR SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU. IT CAN BE A PRESENTATION FOR SCHOOL! BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY: MAKING YOUR OWN ZINE IS A GREAT, CREATIVE FUN, A WAY TO SPEND TIME, AND A WAY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT MATTERS TO YOU!

WHAT IS A ZINE?
 A ZINE, SHORT FOR FANZINE, IS A TYPE OF AMATEUR PUBLICATION CREATED BY ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS. USUALLY, THESE CREATORS ARE ENTHUSIASTS (FANS – OR EVEN FANATICS – OF A PARTICULAR TOPIC, HENCE THE NAME FANZINE). ZINES ARE PUBLISHED UNOFFICIALLY, OFTEN USING THE CHEAPEST METHODS SUCH AS PHOTOCOPIING OR A HOME COMPUTER PRINTER. THEY USUALLY COME OUT IN LIMITED EDITIONS – MEANING THERE ARE ONLY A FEW COPIES, SEVERAL, A DOZEN OR SO, RARELY EVER A HUNDRED.

WHAT CAN YOU MAKE A ZINE ABOUT?
 ZINES CAN COVER A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS. THEY OFTEN DESCRIBE MUSIC BANDS (E.G., HEAVY METAL BANDS FROM NORWAY). THEY CAN ALSO TALK ABOUT MOVIES (ABOUT THE MCU, STAR WARS, OR THE LORD OF THE RINGS), BOOKS (READINGS FROM THE LAST GRADE OR THOSE RECEIVED FOR BIRTHDAYS), LOCAL HISTORY (E.G., THE LEGEND OF THE FOUNDING OF MY TOWN BY A BORED NOBLEMAN), OR IMPORTANT EVENTS (A GAME WITH THE BASKETBALL TEAM FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY).

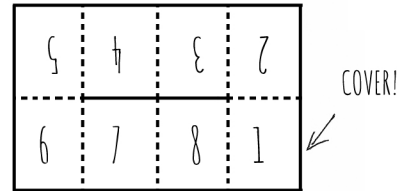
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HAVING TROUBLE FOLDING?

WATCH THIS VIDEO ON YOUTUBE (YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK YOUR PARENTS FOR PERMISSION):



PAGE LAYOUT IN THE ZINE
 THIS IS WHAT THE PAGE LAYOUT LOOKS LIKE IN A FINISHED, FOLDED ZINE:



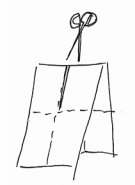
NOW JUST WRITE/DRAW IT, COPY IT, AND YOU CAN GIVE IT TO WHOEVER YOU WANT! HAVE FUN!



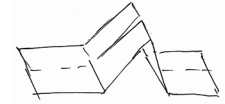
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE MORE COPIES OF YOUR ZINE, IT'S BEST TO CREATE THE FIRST VERSION – THE MASTER COPY – IN BLACK AND WHITE. IT WILL THEN BE EASY (AND CHEAP) TO COPY IT USING A PHOTOCOPIER. IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A COLOR PRINTER, YOU CAN DECIDE TO MAKE YOUR ZINE IN COLOR! IN THAT CASE, YOU NEED TO SCAN THE MASTER COPY.

ZINE MAKING TECHNIQUES
 ZINES CAN BE ENTIRELY WRITTEN, ILLUSTRATED, OR EVEN TAKE THE FORM OF A COMIC. YOU CAN DRAW, PAINT, WRITE, MAKE PHOTO COLLAGES, USE STAMPS, AND STICKERS. THEY CAN BE MADE BY HAND OR ON A COMPUTER (AND IN THE PAST – USING A TYPEWRITER).

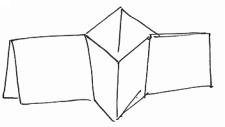
NOW CUT THE SHEET FROM THE EDGE TO THE FOLD, AS SHOWN IN THE ILLUSTRATION. YOU CAN ASK YOUR PARENTS FOR HELP.



FROM THE CUT SHEET, MAKE A "TENT"...



AND THEN FOLD IT LENGTHWISE...



AND THEN FOLD IT INWARD, LIKE A STAR.



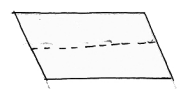
FINALLY, FOLD IT IN HALF, AND YOU HAVE A ZINE THAT HAS EIGHT PAGES!



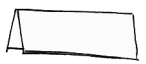
TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR A ZINE
 WANT TO START BUT DON'T HAVE AN IDEA? WELL, MAYBE: - DRAW A COMIC ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER. - DESCRIBE YOUR BIGGEST ADVENTURE FROM THE HOLIDAYS. - WRITE POEMS FOR ALL YOUR FRIENDS. - AND A GUIDE ON CUTTING STARS FOR YOUR BUDDIES. - DRAW CARICATURES OF YOUR FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS. - SHOW OFF YOUR COLLECTION OF DRAWINGS. - PRESENT A RECIPE FOR YOUR FAVORITE DISH. - REVIEW THE LATEST ALBUM OF YOUR FAVORITE BAND. - OR THE NEWEST VOLUME OF YOUR BELOVED BOOK SERIES. - DESCRIBE AN ADVENTURE OF YOUR PET. - INTRODUCE THE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS OF YOUR TOWN... - AND MANY, MANY MORE.

HOW TO FOLD A ZINE FROM AN SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER?

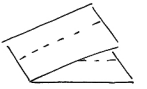
THIS SIMPLE AND QUICK METHOD ALLOWS YOU TO EASILY MAKE A ZINE AND EASILY REPRODUCE IT LATER.



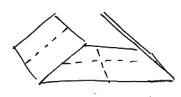
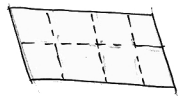
FIRST, FOLD THE SHEET LENGTHWISE.



THEN UNFOLD AND FOLD IT WIDTHWISE.



UNFOLD AGAIN AND FOLD THE OUTER EDGES TO THE CENTER.



CREATE. HAVE FUN. EXPRESS YOURSELF CREATIVELY.