

Create a Monster with Mo Willams

Mo Willems

Mo Willems (born February 11, 1968) is an American writer, animator, voice actor, and creator of children's books. His television work includes creating the animated television series [Sheep in the Big City](#) for [Cartoon Network](#) as well as working on [Sesame Street](#), and [The Off-Beats](#). He is currently an Education Artist-in-Residence at The Kennedy Center.

Willems first became interested in cartoon art when he was just a child. When he was 3 or 4 he started to draw and create his own characters. Willems enjoyed writing stories about his characters to share with others.

Lesson Goals: *Draw Monster Doodles with Mo Willams.*

General Directions for all grade levels: Watch Episode 9 from the series *Lunch Doodles with Mo Willams*. Get a piece of paper and something to draw with. Draw along as Mo explains the process of making a book and look with him inside one of his book drawers as he shows his drawings for the book *Leonardo the Terrible Monster*. Click on the following link to watch the episode:

<https://youtu.be/BoTLFJJvCpg> *

Assignments:

K & Grade 1, Make your own Date Number Monsters.

Follow the general directions above and when you are done your drawing with Mo, put your name on your paper! Write the current number date for today on your paper, (like Mo would do) and then make the number into a monster. Color your monster with any coloring materials.

Grades 2 & 3 Create an Original Monster Drawing.

Directions for creating your own monster:

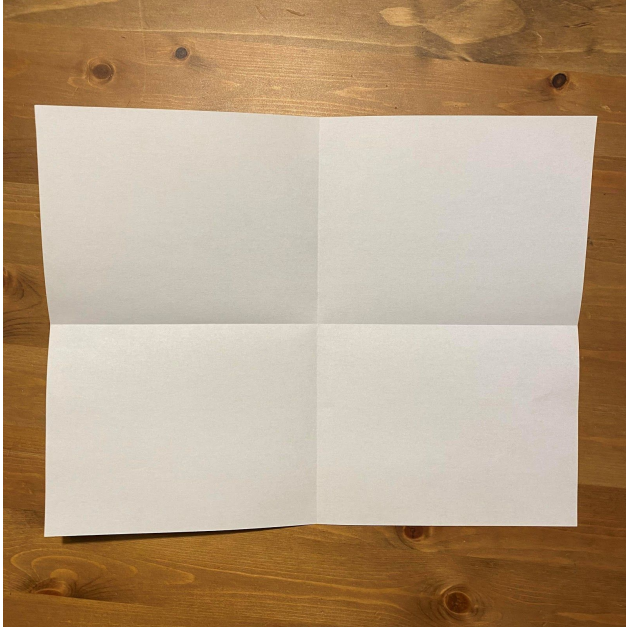
Think about the characteristics you want your monster to have, write down the words of the characteristics, for example: skinny, strong, part animal, part fuzzy, furry or scaly, etc. Write the words of emotions that you want your monster to express, for example: scared, happy, silly, thoughtful, etc. Or, if you don't want to start with words - just start to draw and see what happens!

Grades 4 & 5, Create a Short Comic Strip about your Monster.

Follow the general directions above for grade 2 & 3 and create an original Monster.

Directions for making a short comic strip about your Monster:

Fold a piece of paper in half, and then in half again, see the example below. Open it up and you will have 4 equal rectangles to make your comic strip in. Think of something your monster can do. Write down a sentence of what your monster can do or just start drawing!



Reflection:

Answer the following questions:

1. What did you like about Mo Willems?
2. What did you learn about creating a monster?
3. Did his work give you any ideas for your own monster?
4. Explain the process you want through to make your Monster to a friend or family member.

* *To watch more episodes of [Lunch Doodling with Mo Willams](#), use this link.*

Send me a picture of your Monster or save it for when we are back at school! My school email address is:
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