

Lesson Plan

Flipbook Dots

Summary

Flipbooks are a series of pages where an image or images changes slightly so that when kids flip the pages it creates a simple animation. Flipbooks are a good way to introduce how animation works. This is a good starter project for flipbooks since students don't have to have much artistic skills to animate dots.

- Grades: 3-8
- Create original works as a means of personal or group expression. **(ISTE standards: creativity and innovation)**
- Time: 45 minutes

Teaching Plan

Learning Context

Show the following video so students can see how [to create a flipbook](#).

Procedure

The biggest problem many students have creating flipbooks is that they try to make a flipbook that is too complicated. As demonstrated in the video, it is best to start with a simple dot. You can actually do a lot with a dot. For example:

- ❖ The dot can move around the page
- ❖ The dot can get bigger or smaller (it could look like it is moving towards the viewer or away)
- ❖ Kids could use multiple dots (they could create a pattern with these or have the dots combine)
- ❖ Use the dots to spell out words in Braille
- ❖ The dot could change color

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- ❖ The dot could disappear and reappear

First students should sketch out some ideas on what they want to do with their dot or dots. They could even discuss with other students to develop more ideas.

Once they know what they want to do, then students can start working on a blank flipbook (see resources for options). Students should create their flipbook in pencil first and start at the back of the blank flipbook. Remind students to work on the bottom half of the flipbook pages since it is difficult to see what is happening at the top of a flipbook page. Once they are satisfied with their pencil work then they can ink in their flipbook with markers.

Materials

- Blank flipbook
- Pencils
- Markers
- flipbook examples

Resources

Blank flipbook options:

- [General's flipbook class pack](#)
- [Make your own blank flipbook](#)
- [Index cards for flipbooks](#)
- [Post it notes for flipbooks](#)

[How to create a flipbook](#)

[Professionally made flipbooks](#)

