

A CLOSE CALL WITH PHINEAS & FERB

Today I think we should go to New York City!

Great Idea Ferb!!!

SAMPLE PROJECT

They fly off in search of New York City



The boys are enjoying the big city when off in the distance they hear Candace.

I'm telling Mom!!

She had figured out her brothers were gone.



No one knows how but the boys made it home before Candace got to their mom, keeping them from severe grounding.

The End!!!!!!

Create Your Own Comic Strip

Skills taught (not all-inclusive):

- Inserting WordArt
- Inserting Tables, Merging Cells, Cell Shading, Adding and Deleting Rows or Columns
- Text Effects
- Page Color
- Inserting Pictures And Text Boxes
- Picture Background Removal (Optional)
- Text Wrap

You will create a comic strip! Your comic strip could be about anything! The Adventures of Banana & Orange, Tales Of A 7th Grader, My Teacher's Lazy Sunday...anything!

Below is a list of requirements (written as step-by-step directions) that I should see in your Microsoft Word document. When you are finished, please save the file as "Last Name + First Name + Comic Strip" and send it to me for grading. Humor is always appreciated!

- Open a new blank Word document. *[File – New]*
- Insert WordArt at the top of the page – type the comic strip title *[Insert Tab – WordArt]*. Your comic strip title should be large and easy to see/read. Give your WordArt some cool text effects *[Drawing Tools Menu – Text effects]*. Select the textbox containing your WordArt and wrap text In Front Of Text so you can move it around easily *[Drawing Tools – Wrap Text]*.
- Insert a Table with 3 rows and 2 columns *[Insert Tab]*. Using the corner handlebars, stretch the table out so it covers most of your page.

- Highlight the 2nd row of the table and merge the 2 cells together *[Table Tools Menu – Layout Tab – Merge and Center]*. Drag the border of cells to the left or right to create wider or thinner cells as necessary.
- For some (or all...it's up to you) table cells, set the cell shading to a solid color *[Table Tools Menu – Design Tab - Shading]*.
- Select the entire table, set the cell borders to be a thick black 6 pt. border *[Table Tools – Design – Borders – Borders and Shading - Width]*
- Insert at least 2 instances of clip art or pictures from the internet *[Insert Tab]* in cells as needed to tell/illustrate your comic strip story. Resize them so they fit nicely in your table cells. Set image's Text Wrapping to be In Front of Text so that you can easily move them around the page. *[Picture Tools – Wrap Text]*
- Insert rectangle shapes *[Insert Tab - Shapes]* and set their fill color to be white and their outlines to be black with a weight to 3pt. *[Drawing Tools – Shape Fill and Outline]*. Set their Text Wrapping to be In Front of Text so that you can easily move them around the page. *[Picture Tools – Wrap Text]*. Make the font color in these rectangle shapes white and choose a fun font like Comic Sans. These will be your dialog boxes to narrate your comic strip. Type in words to create your story.
- You should also insert Callout shapes (quote bubbles) to have your comic strip characters speak. Callouts have a yellow square handlebar for you to drag to your character's mouths to make it look they are really speaking what's in the callout bubble. *[Insert Tab - Shapes]*

- Callout (quote) bubbles should also have their shape fill set to white and their shape outline set to black, thick weight. The font inside should be black.
- You may also see the need to place a background image in a table cell and then another picture on top of that one to have your characters in different settings. Remember to click on each picture and Wrap Text In Front or Behind. It might also help to use Google image search tools to find images with a color = transparent, meaning they have no backgrounds that will look bad on your comic strip. Only use images labeled for reuse so you don't infringe on copyrights (Google Image Search – Tools – Use)
- If you want, you can also put some WordArt at the bottom of the comic strip saying something like “The End” or “To be continued...”
- Do a spelling and grammar check (ALWAYS!). *[Review Tab]*
- Save the file as “Last Name + First Name + Comic Strip” and send it to me for grading. *[File Tab – Save As]*

*****Extension Activity*****

For some of my more advanced classes I assign this to be a 2-page comic strip project

Skills Taught:

- Inserting Tables
- Merging Cells, Cell Borders, Cell Shading
- Inserting Pictures And Shapes, Wrapping Text
- WordArt & Text Effects
- Formatting Shape Fill and Outline