Flip Book
Family Activity

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ACTIVITY
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Age Range: 6-12 // Activity Time: 30-60 minutes

Before computers and computer animation cartoons were created through stop motion picture animation. This was a very delicate and a very time-consuming process. With this next activity you will dive into the very beginnings of how cartoon animations were created before today's technology.

ACTIVITY MATERIALS

- Post-it notes (Preferred If available, post it notes are already adhered together.)
- Index cards (Preferred if available, thickness allows for a better flip.)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Binder clips
- Pencil
- Color Pencils
- Light Source: Window, Phone screen, Light box

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS (PARENTAL SUPPORT NEEDED)

1. If you do not have post-it notes, cut your available paper into 3-inch height and 4-inch long pieces.

2. You will need approximately 20 pieces of the same size.

3. On each piece of your pre-cut paper, number the corners of each one up to number 20. This will allow for you keep the drawing you create in order.

4. On page 1 begin your simple character drawing, keeping in mind this drawing will be repeated many times.

5. Place page 2 on top of page 1 so to see through to the drawing below, draw the same image but in a slightly different position you want the character to move.

6. Continue this pattern by placing page 1 to the side. Use page 2 at the bottom, placing page 3 on top, again drawing the character in a slightly different position in the direction you want the character to move.

7. Repeat these steps until you reach the last page of your flip book.

8. Once the drawing portion is complete, re-organize your paper in order from 1-20.

9. Use a binder clip or tape to bind one of the 3-inch edges, preferably the left side.

10. Hold the binder clip or taped edge in one hand using your free hand to flip the pages. Watch how your character comes alive!