

# The Publishing Powers of PowerPoint Crate with The Cobblestone Collective and Microsoft Canada

Format: Co-Taught Lessons

Grade Level: Grades 4-9

Subject: Language Arts & Visual Arts

## About the Crate

The goal of this Microsoft PowerPoint crate is to assist students in expressing their ideas and thinking in creative and flexible ways! Students will explore the design features and publishing powers of Microsoft PowerPoint to expand their working knowledge of this presentation tool and to push their creativity to new levels. Students will learn a variety of digital literacy techniques to display information, communicate ideas, and produce beautiful digital art. No Microsoft PowerPoint presentation project will ever be the same after these four powerful and creative activities.

The 4 Activities included are:

- Activity 1 - The Vision Board
- Activity 2 - The Landscape Masterpiece
- Activity 3 - The Story Brainstorm
- Activity 4 - The Character Summary

Refer to the following pages for a detailed description of each activity.

## Activity 1: The Vision Board

Video Length: 16:52mins | Suggested Additional Work time required: Approx.10- 20 mins

Suggested Tools and Materials: Microsoft PowerPoint (web-based or downloaded software)

Students will creatively display a series of two to four images as polaroid pictures on a Microsoft PowerPoint vision board complete with captions and even some digital tape to hold them in place. A vision board is great for showcasing supporting images in a presentation or curating images/ideas on a particular topic.

Sample Completed Vision Board:



## Activity 2: The Landscape Masterpiece

Video Length: 19:20 mins | Suggested Additional Work time required: Approx. 20-30 mins

Suggested Tools and Materials: Microsoft PowerPoint (web-based or downloaded software)

Students will create a shape art landscape masterpiece directly in Microsoft PowerPoint through strategic layering and colouring of basic shapes. Students will explore colour schemes, design elements, and unique features of Microsoft PowerPoint to add finishing details to any digital art piece.

Sample Completed Landscape Design:



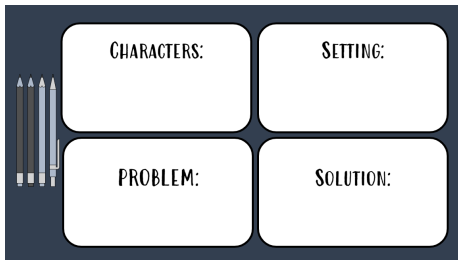
## Activity 3: The Story Brainstorm

Video Length: 18:34mins | Suggested Additional Work time required: Approx. 10-20 Minutes

Suggested Tools and Materials: Paper and pencil, or Microsoft Word Document for first draft of story, Microsoft PowerPoint (web-based or downloaded software)

Students will create a graphic organizer to help organize and brainstorm ideas for their very own story using Microsoft PowerPoint. The graphic organizer will feature a unique space for characters, setting, the problem, and the solution. Writing the story is an optional activity after this crate lesson.

Sample Completed Story Brainstorm:



## Activity 4: The Character Summary

Video Length: 21:16mins | Suggested Additional Work time required: Approx. 20 minutes

Suggested Tools and Materials: A favourite story character & their related details, Microsoft PowerPoint (web-based or downloaded software)

Students will learn how to create their very own PowerPoint template that can be used for character summaries, biographies, infographics, and more. Through the use of colours, shapes and layering, students will develop the skills to create their own templates in the future.

Sample Completed Characater Summary

