



Name: _____
Mentor: _____
Date: _____

**PREREQUISITE BADGES: NONE**

**BADGE PERKS: N/A**

**TERMS AND SKILLS YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

Writer	Penciler	Inker	Splash Panel/Page	Speech/Thought balloon
Colorist	Narrative Box	Letterer	Two Page Spread	Page Gutter
Editor	Panel			

**HELPFUL RESOURCES:**

**Comics Terminology Guide:** <http://www.readingwithpictures.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/03/Basic-Comics-Terminology.pdf>

**McCloud, Scott. *Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art* (1994)**

**EXPLANATION OF SKILLS:**

The Comics badge certifies that the earner has shown an interest and understanding in reading, creating, and discussing comic books/graphic novels. The earner knows all of the major terminology associated with the art form and has shown the skills to create their own comic.

**BADGE CHECK GUIDELINES:**

- You are allowed to use the Badge Resources and other print or online tools if you get stuck during your badge check, but no one-on-one help from others
- You must complete all questions and tasks associated with the badge you're earning
- You must present the evidence of your work to a teen mentor for verification and sign-off
- If you don't pass the badge check, you can take it again in a week

## KNOWLEDGE CHECK:

1. In what order do these collaborators usually work on a comic book:  
Colorist, Letterer, Writer, Inker, Penciler?
2. Name three comic books you've read recently.

## SKILLS CHECK:

Create your own comic book page! Your page should be scripted beforehand with dialog and actions. Your actual page should include ALL of the following comic book traditions: panels (at least 4), speech bubbles (at least 2), thought bubbles (at least 1), narrative boxes (at least 1), and page gutters. Start with pencil then add the other elements over it.

## UPON COMPLETION:

- Submit sheet with **knowledge check** answers to mentor for review
- Present final **comic book page** to mentor for review – do not submit a work-in-progress, you will not qualify for a badge
- If a mentor cannot review your badge check immediately, schedule a time for you and a mentor to go over your badge check

“BRAINS” BADGE CHECK APPROVAL:

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EARNER'S SIGNATURE

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MENTOR'S SIGNATURE

THIS BADGE CAN BE USED TO EARN:  
2<sup>nd</sup> TEIR DESIGN BADGE.

