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Enrichment Kits

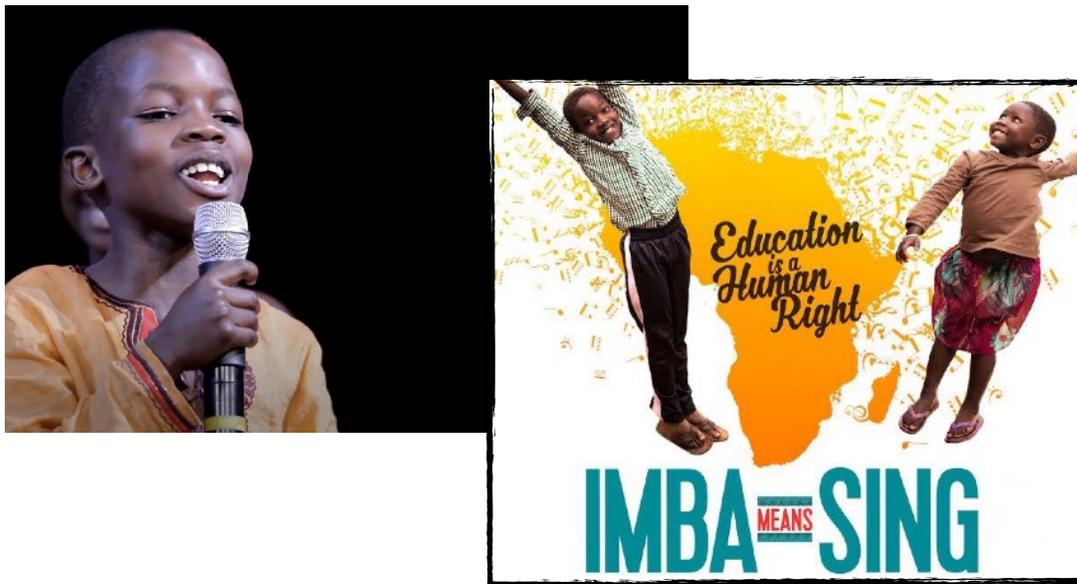
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The Power of Film in Creative Activism

Engagement 1 | Documenting Stories

Step 1: Begin by watching the trailer for the documentary *Imba Means Sing* which follows three children from the slums of Uganda on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the world with the GRAMMY-nominated African Children's Choir, and ultimately secure their futures.

["Imba Means Sing" Trailer](#)



Step 2: In your notebook, jot down what you noticed about the trailer. Consider things like voice, music, storytelling, drama, and creating interest.

Engagement 2 | Film to Capture Different Types of Activism and Art

Step 1: Take a look at how Asha Christensen uses spoken word to share with her TEDxKids audience what it feels like to be a writer. Because her performance was filmed, her performance and her stories reached a wider audience.

[Asha Christensen at TEDxKids@SMU 2012](#)

Step 2: Now take a look at how film was used to capture singer, Arielle Martinez Cohen's song *The Fire*. She wrote this song to draw attention to the wildfires in California and to share how it made her feel to live through them.

[The Fire - Arielle Martinez Cohen](#)



Step 3: Please watch this video of visual artist and painter, Amy Burkman speed paint an image for an upcoming charity and festival. Think about how this film used elements of Amy's interview and personal narrative as well as how it captured her in action. Jot down any of your observations in your notebook or journal.

[Amy Burkman - Speed Painting 01](#)

Engagement 3 | Tips for Making Films

Step 1: Watch the following video which provides advice and explanations of some best practices for movie making.

[Filmmaking tips for Children - Telling your story through video](#)

Step 2: Jot down some ideas for how you might include what you've learned in your own video. What shots and/or angles are you excited to try out?

Engagement 4 | Create a Film About Your Art or a Human Rights Issue You Care About

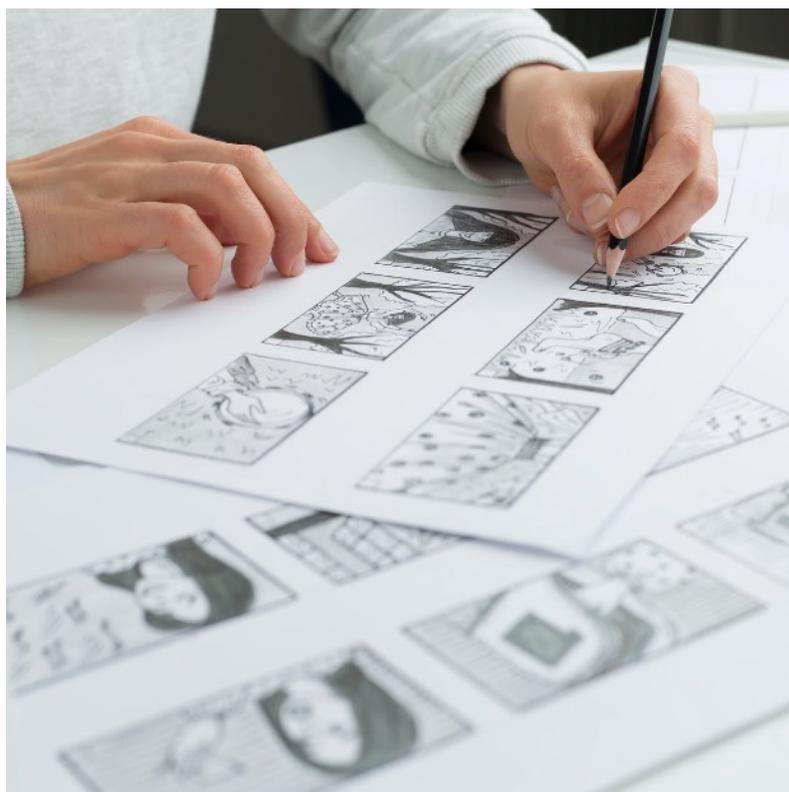
Step 1: Read about how to Storyboard, a professional's method for mapping out their film before they begin.

[Storyboarding 101 Handout](#)

Step 2: Download and/or print this template of a storyboard to use for your film. You can also make your own!

[8-Panel Storyboard Template](#)

Step 3: It's time to make a movie! Using the tools you have learned about today as well as your storyboard, create a film about your own art, music, photography, etc. OR about a human rights issue you care about. Take your camera and get to it, and have fun!



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