

# Introduction to Animated Storytelling

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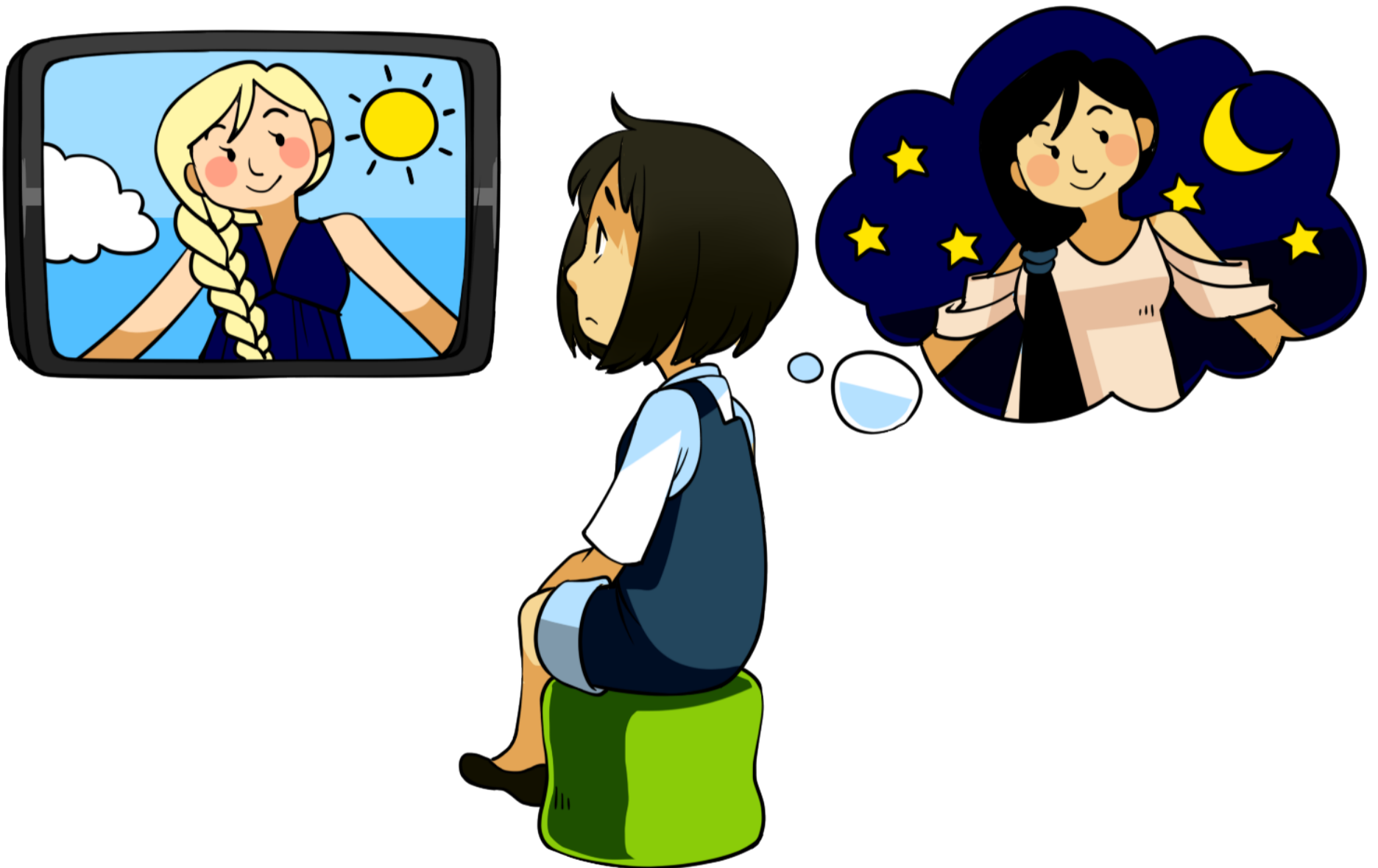
It was a special day at school. Angelina, Mylo, and Suzi had just finished listening to the last chapter of a story that their teacher, Ms. Morales, had been reading out loud to them. After lunch they were going to watch a movie version of the story.

“I can’t wait to watch the movie today!” exclaimed Suzi.

“I know,” said Mylo, “I was visualizing the story the whole time Ms. Morales was reading it to us, just like she asked us to do. Now we get to see the story come to life on a screen.”



“I have a lot of vivid pictures in my mind,” said Angelina. “It might be strange to see someone else’s ideas of what the characters and settings look like.”



“Yeah,” said Suzi, “that has happened to me before when I’ve seen a movie version of a book. It’s not really the same as what was in my imagination while I read the story.”

“Wouldn’t it be neat if we could bring the story to life with images from our own imaginations?” asked Mylo.

Suzi and Mylo agreed that they would like to be able to bring a story to life on a screen.

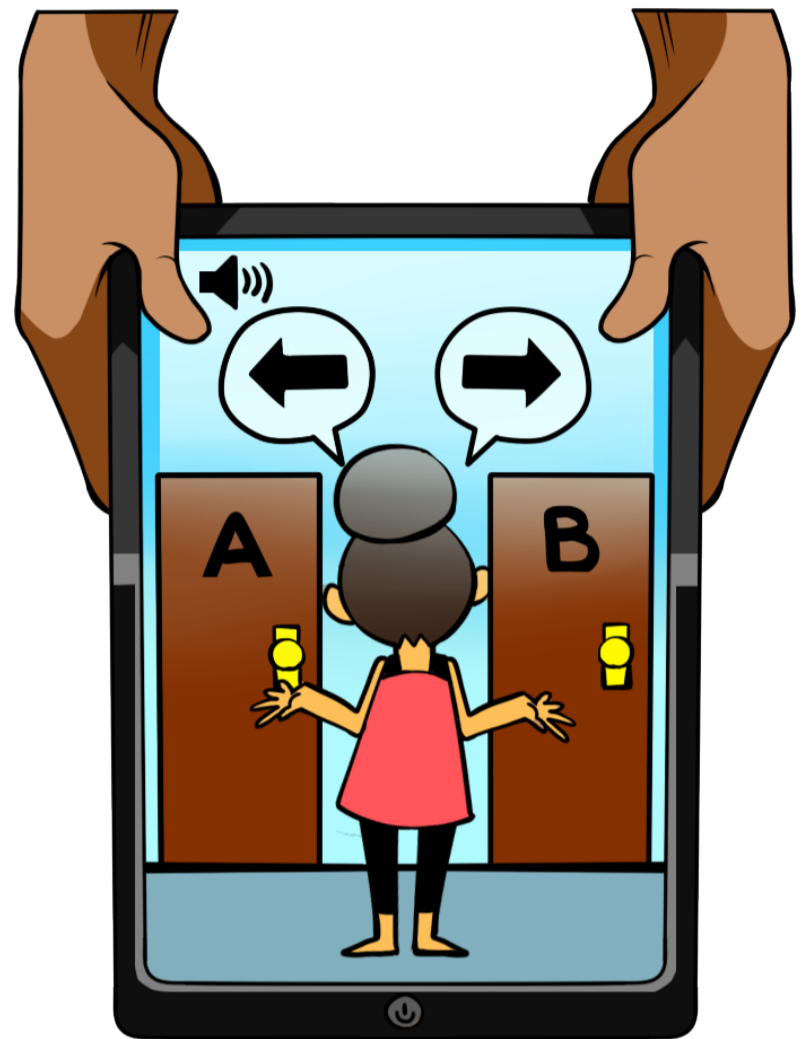


The friends continued talking about how much fun they would have creating stories when their teacher walked in and asked them to quiet down. It was time for Writer’s Workshop.

Ms. Morales showed them something on her tablet that she called an animated story. The students were surprised to see that when Ms. Morales tapped the characters, they would move and talk. The most amazing thing was that the story paused to let the viewer

choose which decision the main character would make to end the story.

The students almost couldn't believe it when Ms. Morales told them that they were going to learn how to make an animated story on their tablets.



“Wow!” exclaimed Angelina.  
“It’s just like what we were talking about. Now we really can make a story come to life!”

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Would you like to create an animated story like Mylo, Suzi, and Angelina? What would your story be about? Where would it take place? What characters would you include?