

The Plot In Pictures

“Lights! Camera! Action!” With this shout by the director, the production of a movie gets underway. Long before this happens, however, many movies have already been made—on paper.

Before filming for a movie takes place, the studio often hires graphic artists to study the

screenplay, or script. These artists then create storyboards that show the correct order and importance of events. Completed storyboards look like the frames in a comic strip. They allow everyone working on the movie to follow the plot at a glance.



Project

Draw your own storyboard.

- 1 Using the information from the Chapter 2 Starting with a Story and your own imagination, design storyboards for a short film clip about a Roman chariot race.
- 2 Join with several of your classmates to brainstorm the plot or storyline to be presented in the film clip. Decide how many frames you need to picture key events on your storyboards.
- 3 Use felt-tipped pens to draw the frames on posterboard or pieces of attached computer paper. Then add your sketches and any directions to the film crew.
- 4 Display your finished storyboard in your classroom.