



#scicommJC Twitter Chat Activity

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Let's draw a cartoon or comic! This is a special activity designed for the #scicommJC twitter chat on **Tues, November 7, 2017 at 6pm PT/7pm MT/8pm CT/9pm ET.**

There is a growing number of academics, scientists, and researchers who see the value in using comics for education and communication. A challenge, however, is that it can be hard to find the *perfect* comic or cartoon to use. **That's why we're all going to create OUR OWN comic, so we can start to overcome that barrier, and feel more confident in making our own comics when needed.**

1. **Think of a few things you teach a lot and would love to have a more visual way of explaining them.** Maybe it's a relatively dry topic and you want to make it more fun. Maybe it's something that you struggle explaining with just words or text. Brainstorm some ideas on scratch paper.
2. **Now choose the idea you're going to draw.** It might be helpful to doodle a few of the ideas to see if some ideas form. Here are some questions to consider so you can choose the one that interests you the most.
 - a. Which of the ideas can you explain in a concise way (cartoon), or break down into multiple steps (comic)?
 - b. Is there one idea that you can explain using a bit of humor?
 - c. Which ones can you draw?
 - d. Which ones are best represented through a conversation happening between people (stick figures count!), objects, or animals?
3. **Draw your cartoon (or) comic using your favorite template on the following pages.** Here are some tips:
 - a. No drawing talent is required! Leave feelings of shame or embarrassment behind. This is a *friendly* group, and we're all doing this *just for fun*.
 - b. Use a *pencil* to sketch out the whole thing. That way, you can easily erase anything you want to change.
 - c. If you're totally stumped and don't know what objects to draw, then try framing it as a *conversation* -- one person talking to the reader or 2+ people talking to each other.
4. **Take a picture of your completed comic and tweet it!** Be sure to Tag @echoechoR @scicommJC *AND* use #scicommJC in the tweet.

What's the difference between a comic and a cartoon?

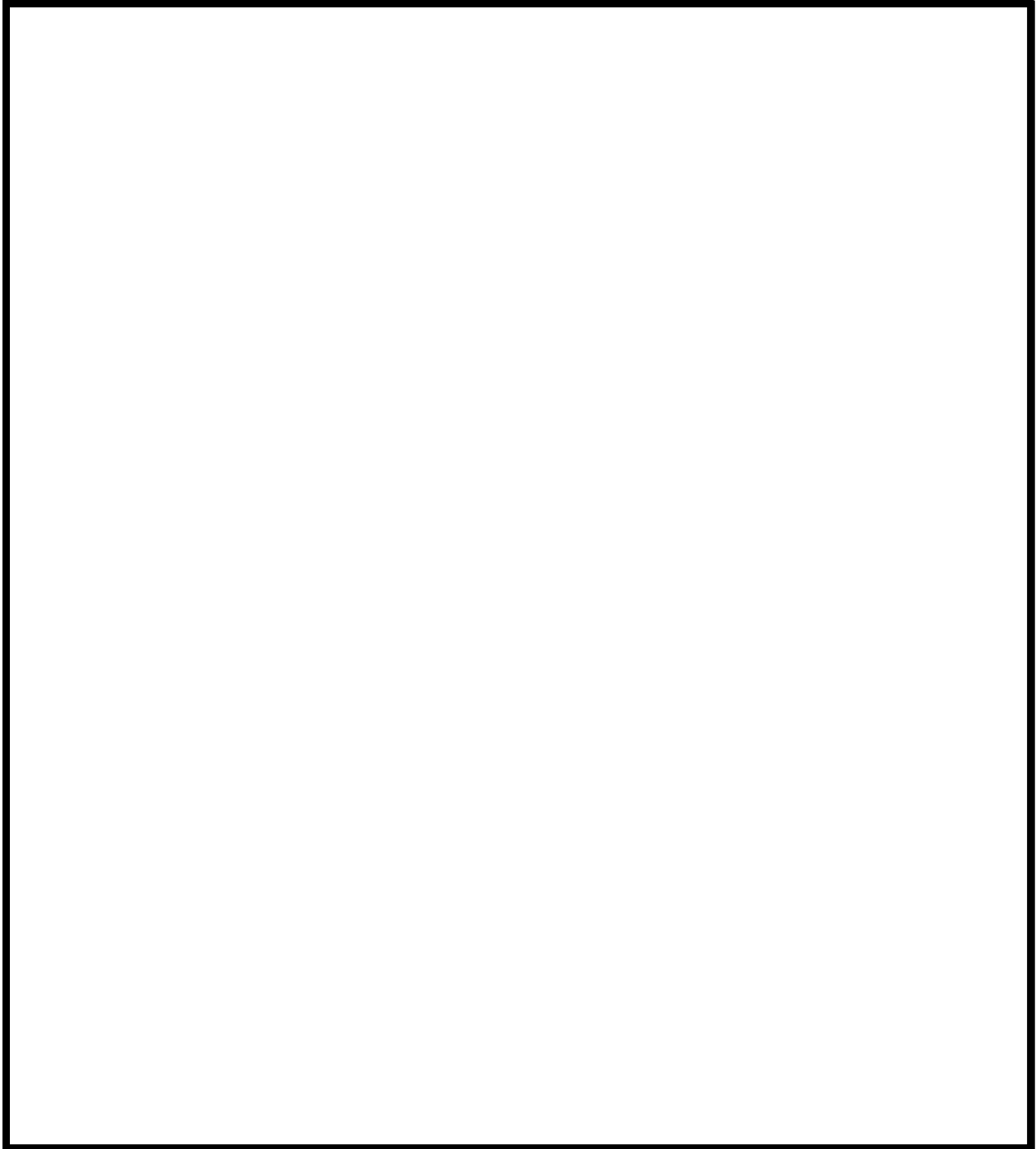
A cartoon is a **single-panel (square) illustrated story.**

A comic is an **illustrated story represented across multiple panels.**

Cartoon

Drawn by (name and Twitter handle):

Background details (optional):



Comic (Option A)

Drawn by (name and Twitter handle):

Background details (optional):



Comic (Option B)

Drawn by (name and Twitter handle):

Background details (optional):



Comic (Option C)

Drawn by (name and Twitter handle):

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