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Kreative Komix™ was developed with the goal of adding an element of fun to creative writing activities. The purpose of this section is to suggest interesting possibilities beyond the obvious. We have found that using the program as an instructional tool engages students in the process of writing, allowing them to explore information from an entirely new perspective. Most of ideas in this section originated from the explorations of teachers and students—from first graders to seniors in high school—using Kreative Komix™ at our beta-test sites.

One reason we believe that so many interesting ideas cropped up is that Kreative Komix™ is especially well suited for students who have grown up in a world in which many of their experiences occurred within multimedia environments. Kreative Komix is a natural extension of those experiences, allowing students to create stories that not only print out, but also can actually become animated movies that can be shared over the Internet.

In the end, you too will probably get your best ideas from using Kreative Komix™ with your students, in a large group context if possible. We as adults, have built up preconceived notions of what communication is. Hopefully, the examples below will help you break free and create.

Student Uses

Characterization
Puppets are a great tool for encouraging students to build an understanding of character traits. Have the students create a character in the Character Maker, and then write a short description of their character. Include likes and dislikes, behaviors, and even values. Culminate your activity with a play that includes characters created by several students.

Instructional Posters
The Poster Size Printout feature of Kreative Komix™ is perfect for creating instructional posters for your classroom. This is a great way to display student writing and create a print-rich environment in your classroom.

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Story Starters

You can create fun story starters for your students by simply creating comics with blank speech bubbles your students fill in. This is a great activity to use after reading a fairy tale to encourage creative writing or to check comprehension of the story you have just read.

Comic Pen Pals

You can use the email feature of Kreative Komix™ to create a truly unique shared writing process in your classroom. Have your students create the first scene to a story and then email it to other students across the country or even around the world. The student who receives the comic then creates the next page in the story and emails both of them to other students. If every page is emailed to all the participants, then everyone will end up with the complete story. It's a great way to encourage writing skills and demonstrate the power of modern communications to your students.