



# Activity Guide

## **Introduction**

Since the beginning of time people have written or told stories. Stories are way to speak about our daily lives, beliefs and dreams. They are also a way in which we teach future generations and entertain each other.

In this exhibit you will see examples of stories written by children for the Aldar Schools Arabic Creative Writing Competition for the 2019-2020 academic year.

As you explore the exhibit, you can use this guide to learn more about the work of an author and illustrator.



# **The Work of an Author**

## Types of Stories

Some of the stories in the exhibit tell of realistic events (non-fiction/fact) and sometimes they are imagined (fiction). What is your favorite story? What did you like about it?

**It's  
Your  
Turn!**

**Did you wish the story had a sequel or a different ending? Continue the story and use the space below to write or draw what happens next.**



## Genre

There are many different types of imaginary stories. There is fantasy, science fiction, mystery, fairy and folk tales, and realistic fiction, which are stories that are made up but could very well happen in real life.

**What type of stories do you like to read?**

**Can you find an example of some of the genres in the exhibit?**



**It's  
Your  
Turn!**

**Can you rewrite one of the stories in a different genre?**

## Characterization

One of the most important things in a story are the characters. When you read a story you will always have a character you like or hate. A good writer brings his characters to life by using descriptive language (words).

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Turn!**

**Who was your favorite character?  
Can you draw their portrait based on  
their description?**



# **The Work of the Illustrator**





## Illustrations

**Illustrations** are visual images that help readers better understand the text. Pictures and words work together in a number of ways. They help the audience to visualize, or create mental pictures of the story's setting, characters, and plot.

**As you go through the exhibit, can you find an example of an illustration which depicts a key incident or climax of the story?**

## It's Your Turn!

Can you draw a new illustration  
for the example you found?

A black clipboard with a white sheet of paper. The text 'Style, Medium and Materials' is written in red on the paper.

## Style, Medium and Materials

The word **style** describes the way an artist or writer portrays his or her subject matter. It also describes how the artist or writer expresses his or her vision.

A **medium** refers to the materials used by an artist to create an artwork. Some illustrators use more than one medium or media to create an illustration.

A yellow starburst shape with a black outline.

**It's Your  
Turn!**

**Take a story from the exhibit and  
turn it into a comic.**





The best part of being an author is being able to  
share your work with others.

If you would like to see your work considered for  
our online platform, contact us at:

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