

Junior 2D Felt Animation Field Trip Teacher's Guide



This field trip is developed for **2nd grade**. In this field trip, students have a chance to explore the principles of collaborative storytelling through 2D stop-motion animation! Using bright, colorful felt shapes and starring CCM's Critters, students work in small groups to collaboratively plan, direct, and animate a short stop-motion film. Teachers will be emailed a link to download and share students' films.

Before your visit:

- **Recruit chaperones:** We have a maximum of 6 chaperones (includes teacher) per field trip.
- **Conduct a story brainstorm with your class:** Brainstorm examples of the 3P's of storytelling with your class on the board. The 3P's include a Person (character), a Place where your movie will be set, and a Problem that character(s) must overcome.
- **Watch example movies with your class:** <https://youtu.be/eQsu0fBXjDQ>
- **Build excitement:** Let your class know that CCM is not your average children's museum. All of our field trips are hands-on and interactive, and there will be lots for them to explore and create!

During your visit:

- **Check-in:** 10 minutes before the start of your trip, please have students wait outside on the courtyard steps across from the museum and come inside to check in at the front desk.
- **Warm-Up:** Museum Educators will lead your class to the Animation Studio and facilitate a creative group warm-up.
- **Activity:** Educators will review the "3 Ps" of storytelling, and students will work in small groups and animate their films.
- **Debrief:** The field trip will end with a closing circle to debrief the experience.

Pre/Post Activities and Resources:

- **Books:**
 - [What Do You Do With An Idea?](#) (Kobi Yamada)
 - [What About Moose?](#) (Corey Schwartz & Rebecca Gomez)
- **Create your own simple animation machines:**
 - Flipbooks: www2.scholastic.com/browse/subarticle.jsp?id=3227
 - Thaumatrope: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Thaumatrope>

- Zoetropes: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Zoetrope>
- **Create an animation with iStopmotion:**
 - We use iStopmotion to create our animations at the Children's Creativity Museum. Learn more about curriculum connections and purchasing educational licenses here: <http://boinx.com/istopmotion/education/>
 - Look here for a list of the types of cameras supported by iStopmotion: <http://www.boinx.com/istopmotion/support/inputdevices/>

Do you have questions, concerns, or comments about your field trip?
Please email Kelly at **kreina@creativity.org** or call **(415) 820-3327**.