

Michael Hall - Writer

Objectives: Michael Hall's children's books are full of vibrant and colorful images that help tell the book's story. For this activity, a six-word story will be created and accompanied by images to enhance the story – the images can be either drawn, painted, or collaged images, or those found online. The story will be a completed slideshow with subtitles, and can be done on iPad software such as iMovie. Or, if you do not have access to an iPad, create an image (drawing/painting/collage) with the story on the image itself.

Standards (suggested grade 2nd):

ELA:

- 2.6.3.3. Write narratives and other creative texts in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events
- 2.6.6.6. Use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing
- 2.8.5.5. Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate
- 2.8.7.7. Distinguish, understand, and use different types of print, digital, and multimodal media
- 2.8.8.8. Create an individual multimedia work for a specific purpose

Media Arts:

- _1.1.2.1. – Describe the use of elements in media art
- _1.2.2.2. – Describe how photo-, video-, and sound-editing are used to create products
- _1.3.2.2. – Describe how media arts communicates meaning
- _2.1.2.2. – Create an original media artwork

Tools/Resources:

Pen and paper, images for story (either made by hand or found online), iPad with movie editing software (such as iMovie), art supplies (varies depending on if doing a painting, drawing, or collage), and various examples of six-word stories. You can find some examples by grade at <https://www.brainpickings.org/2013/01/09/six-word-memoirs-students/>



Video Clip: <http://www.tpt.org/mn-original/profile/michael-hall/>

Activity

- 1) Watch the segment and discuss:
 - a. What kind of author is Michael Hall?
 - b. How does Michael Hall use illustrations in his books?
 - c. Why are the illustrations an important part of Michael Hall's books?
- 2) Create a six-word story
 - a. Look over some examples of the six-word stories from the link above.
 - b. Think of a sentence or two that tells a story without telling an entire story.
 - i. Tip: Use contractions (I'm vs I am; Can't vs Can Not) if sentence are too long.
 - ii. Reduce the number of words until you only have six words.
 - iii. Tip: Have fun with it! Try various stories until you find one you like most.
 - c. Create the art piece (iPad):
 - i. Find or create images.
 - ii. In the movie editing app, add images into a slideshow with subtitles during particular frames to create a six word story "movie."
 - iii. Add music, titles, and transitions if necessary. Enjoy!
 - d. Create the art piece (no iPad):
 - i. Paint, draw, or collage a picture that helps illustrate your six-word story.
 - ii. Add the words from your story into the picture.
 - iii. Enjoy!