

STUDENT WORKSHEET #1: Develop an Animation Plan

**complete and get your teacher's approval by the end of Session 6*

Choose an earlier portrait in one of the three portrait styles: Chuck Close-style grid portrait, oil pastel portrait, or cartoon caricature.

Sketch your animation plan in your journal and label the parts that move. Put an X on the places you will need to cut holes.

Moving Part #1 _____

Moving Part #2 _____

Moving Part #3 _____

Student Checklist

Teacher Checklist

_____ Choose a portrait style

_____ Plan for 2-3 moving parts

_____ Share your idea with a classmate

_____ Is the project workable in time allowed?

_____ Will motors be attached near the center of each moving part?

_____ Are 2-3 motors used?

STUDENT WORKSHEET #2: Complete Your Portrait

**complete and get your teacher's approval and complete by the end of Session 7*

Complete an earlier portrait based on your animation plan in one of the three portrait styles: Chuck Close-style grid portrait, oil pastel portrait, or cartoon caricature.

Create moving parts in the same medium you created your portrait.

Be sure your cords will reach (plug motor cords into the ABC plugs on the robot, and arrange the motors and brain on the board).

Label where all the motors and the NXT brain will be placed by tracing them onto the back side of your foam board and marking where holes need to be cut.

Student Checklist

Teacher Checklist

___ Finish drawing your portrait

___ Draw and color the moving parts

___ Check cord length

___ Mark foamboard for robot parts

___ Check cord lengths

___ Be sure the motors will be attached near the center of each moving part

___ Troubleshoot and adjust animation plans

___ Confirm that cutting holes are clearly marked

___ Cut holes in foamboard

STUDENT WORKSHEET #3: Mount the Robotic Parts

**complete by the end of Session 8*

Glue your portrait to the foamboard.

Attach the motors and brain to the foamboard with LEGO pieces and tape.

Attach the moving parts to the motors. This will take some creativity!

Once you have motors and the brain attached to the foam board and the design assembled, you will start the last step: programming your animatronic with the group!

Student Checklist

Teacher Checklist

____ Glue the portrait to foamboard

____ Portrait ready for programming

____ Tape the motors and brain

____ Attach the moving parts to motors

STUDENT WORKSHEET #4: Program Your Animations

Before you begin the programming exercises, write down which motor plug (A, B or C) each moving part is plugged into.

Part of the portrait	Port (circle one)	Movement (choose one)	Draw a circle showing how far the part will turn/move	Unit (choose one)
_____	A	___ Spin in circles		___ Rotations
	B	___ Spin half way around		___ Degrees
	C	___ Wiggle a little		___ Seconds
		___ Other (describe below)		
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		___ Other (describe below)		

STUDENT WORKSHEET #5: Add Sensors

**for advanced students only*

If you're ready for an additional challenge, add sensors to your project. For example, when the button is pushed, the eyes could move. Below draw a line from the motors to the sensors you'd like to add.

Motor A controls _____ and will be controlled by the _____ sensor.

Portrait Part (eye, nose, etc)

Choose one: light, touch (button), sound or ultrasonic

Motor B controls _____ and will be controlled by the _____ sensor.

Portrait Part (eye, nose, etc)

Choose one: light, touch (button), sound or ultrasonic

Motor C controls _____ and will be controlled by the _____ sensor.

Portrait Part (eye, nose, etc)

Choose one: light, touch (button), sound or ultrasonic

*** You may only use each sensor type once.**

STUDENT WORKSHEET #6: Preparing the Artist Statement

Look back in your journal and reflect on your intentions for your self portrait and the reasons behind your animation decisions. Be sure you write about how the portrait and animations work together to reveal something important about your personal identity.

Sample Artist Statement

Personal identity is not just about the self, it *is* the self. When I really think honestly about myself, I consider who I am and who I want to be.

I am an artist. I am also a wife, daughter, and friend.

I want to be a bright smile in my loved ones' day, and I like to express myself through my words. So, my mouth is a powerful part of who I am and who I want to be. I want to offer the world smiles, love, and a little comedy.

But I am much more complex than what you see. My eyebrows point to the mysterious me, the parts nobody else knows, and I'll keep them to myself!

Begin your own artist statement by answering the following questions in your journal.

1. What do you like most about your final portrait?
2. Why did you use this portrait for your project instead of the others you made?
3. What does the portrait tell other people about who you are or who you want to become?
4. Create an "I am" list like the one in the sample artist statement above. What aspects of "you" does your portrait show?
5. Do you think your portrait and its animations are funny, serious, or something else?
6. What do the animations say about your personality or the way you look?
7. Do you think your final animated portrait show people how you really look, how you want to look, or how other people see you? Explain why.