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# GRAPHIC NOVEL

ACTIVITY  
PACK

## What Is A Graphic Novel?

A graphic novel is like a comic book but longer. It combines words and drawings in a unique way to tell a story. In this pack, you can choose to color and complete the story on one of the illustrated pages or use your imagination to create your own story on one or more of the pages with blank panels. You can even print multiple sheets to keep your story going.

## What are the Parts of a Graphic Novel?

### — Panels & Gutters

Panels are the boxes where you draw pictures. Gutters are the spaces between the panels.

### — Word Balloons & Description

Dialogue appears in word balloons for speech or thought bubbles for silent thoughts. The tail of the balloon always points to the speaker. If you want to add text that isn't dialogue, such as a voice-over or narration, then add captions in rectangular boxes within the panel.

### — Sound Effects & Motion Lines

Sounds set the scene and add another layer to each story. Motion lines indicate how characters or objects are moving.

### — Tools

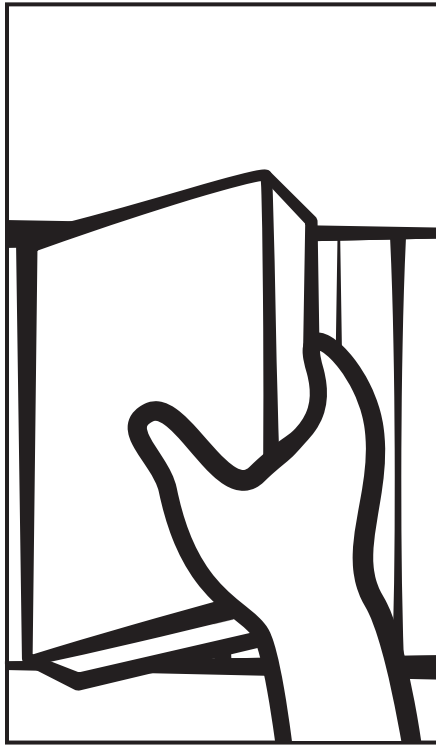
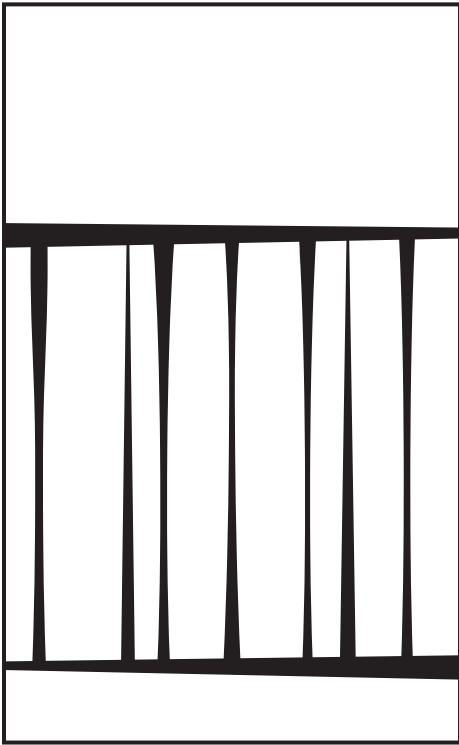
All you need to start is a pencil and eraser. Draw lightly so that it is easier to erase if you change your mind. Once you finalize your drawing, trace over it with a ballpoint pen or fine-tip marker. You can also add color with crayons or colored pencils.

### — Drawing

You can draw people (even stick figures!) or create characters that are animals, aliens, shapes or inanimate objects. Start simply with just three panels. Think about who your character is and what you want them to do. Draw what happens at the beginning of their story in the first panel, what happens in the middle in the second panel, and the ending in the third panel. You can then expand your story and add more panels to each section. Let your imagination wander!

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*Who do you think she is reading to?  
Draw a family member, friend, pet or character to enjoy the book with her.*



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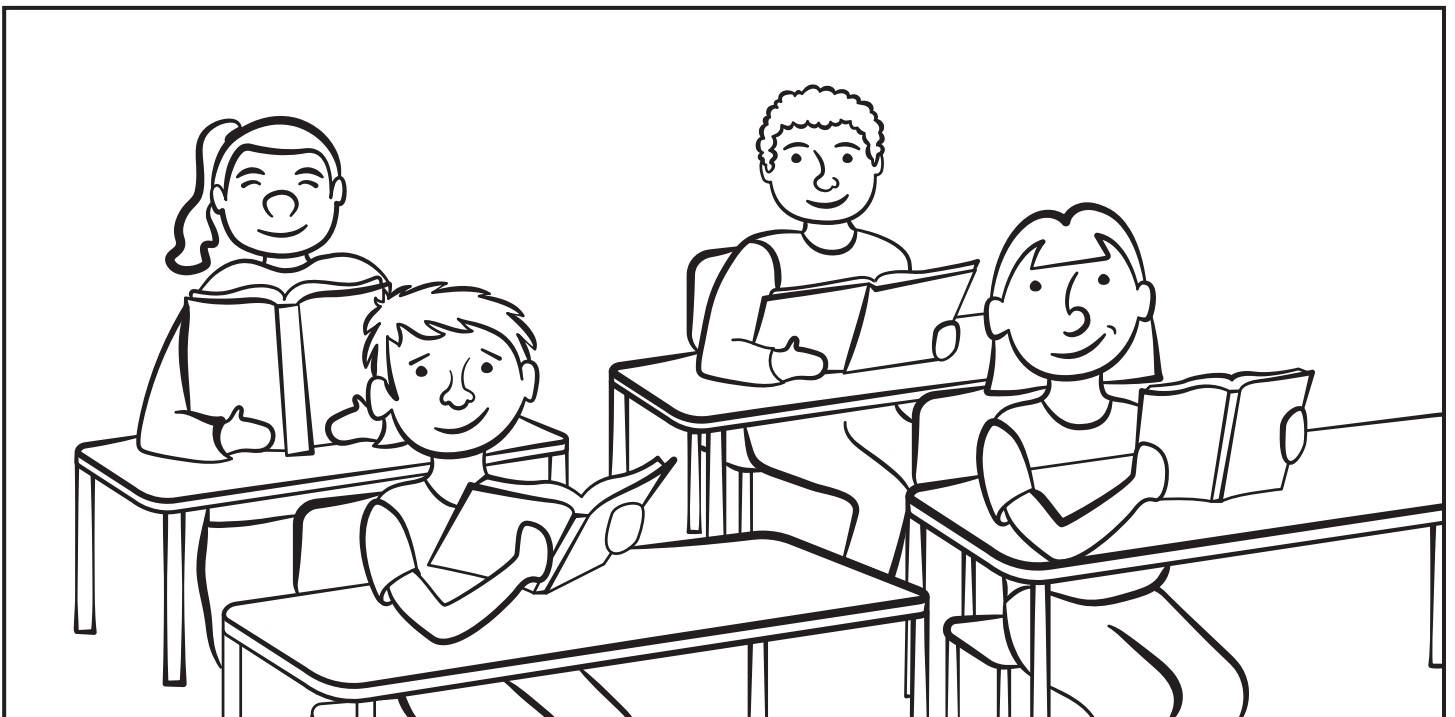
*This class is learning about different genres of books.  
Draw examples of the genres they are discussing in the empty boxes.*

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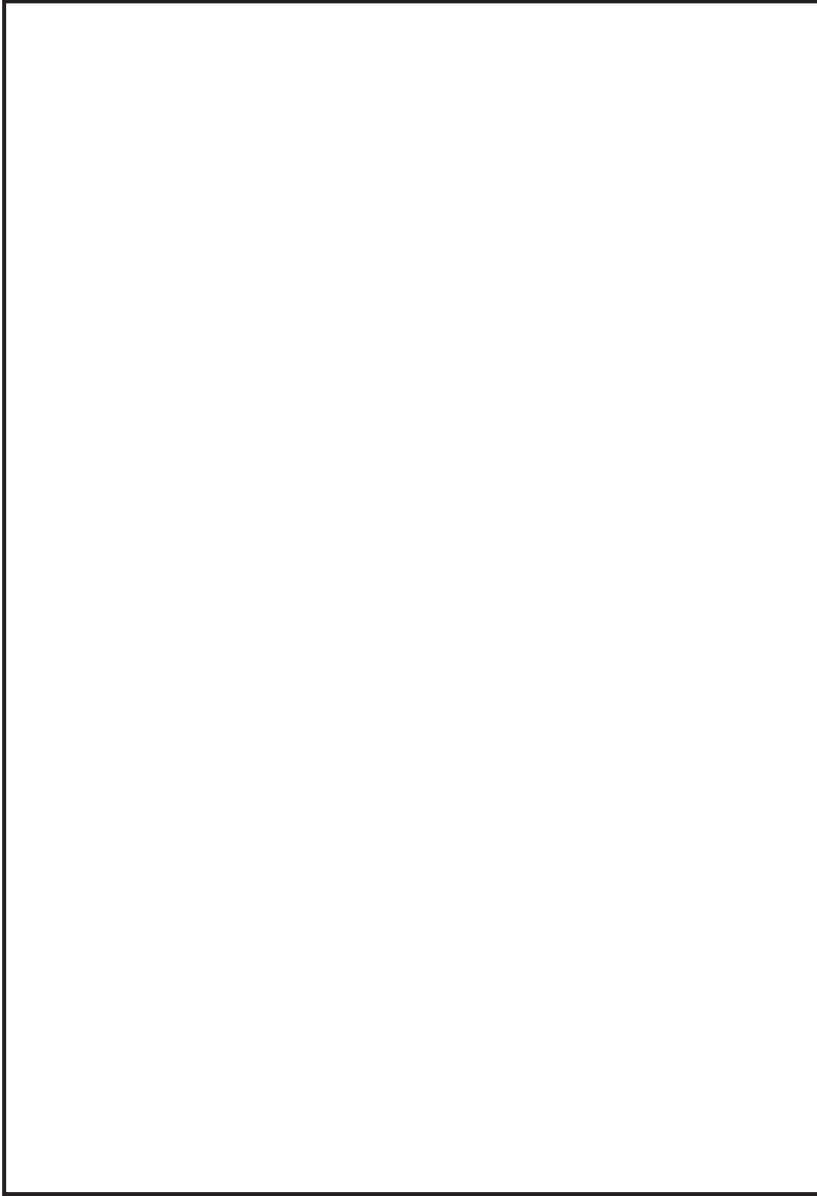
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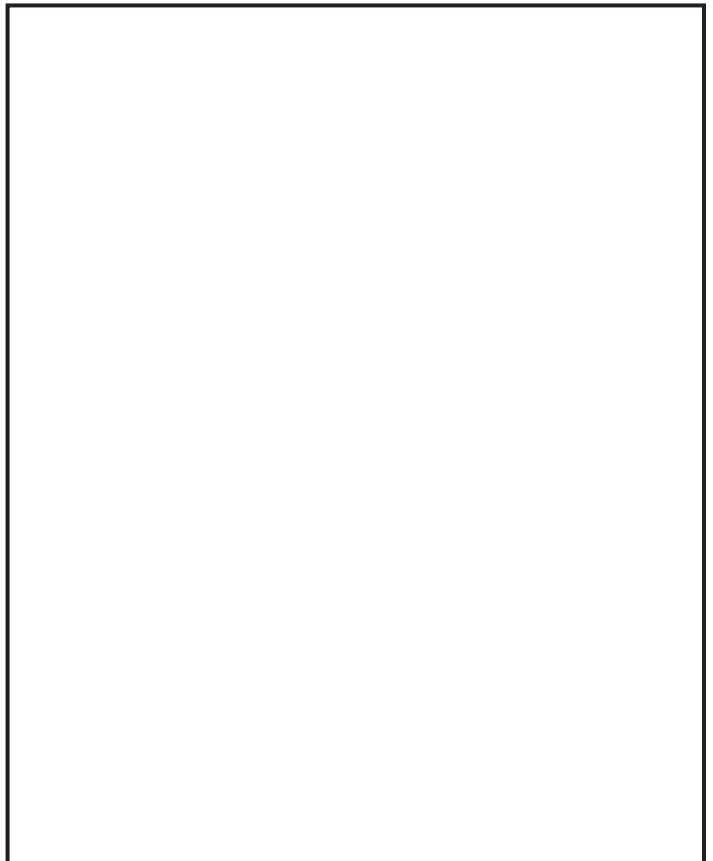
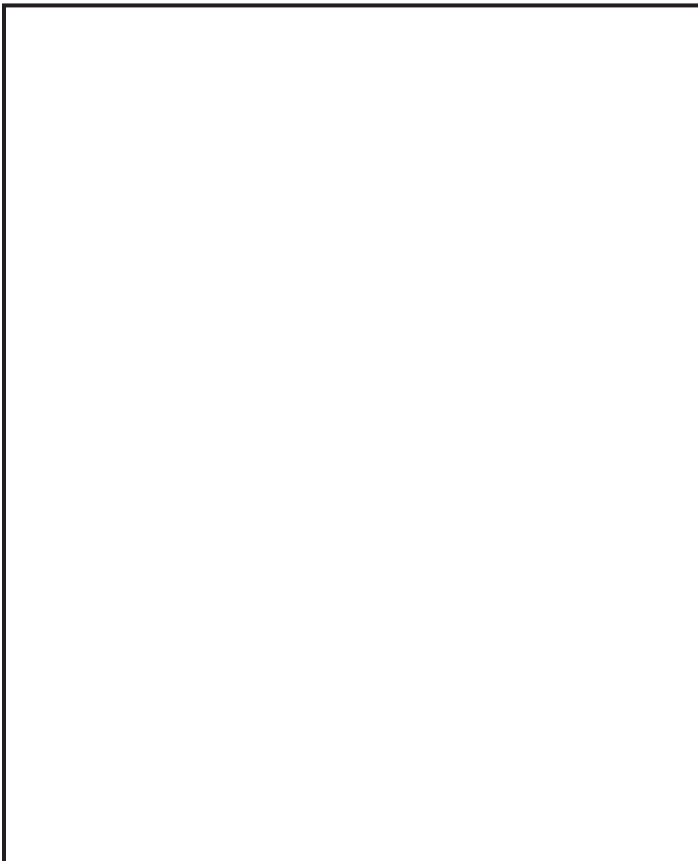
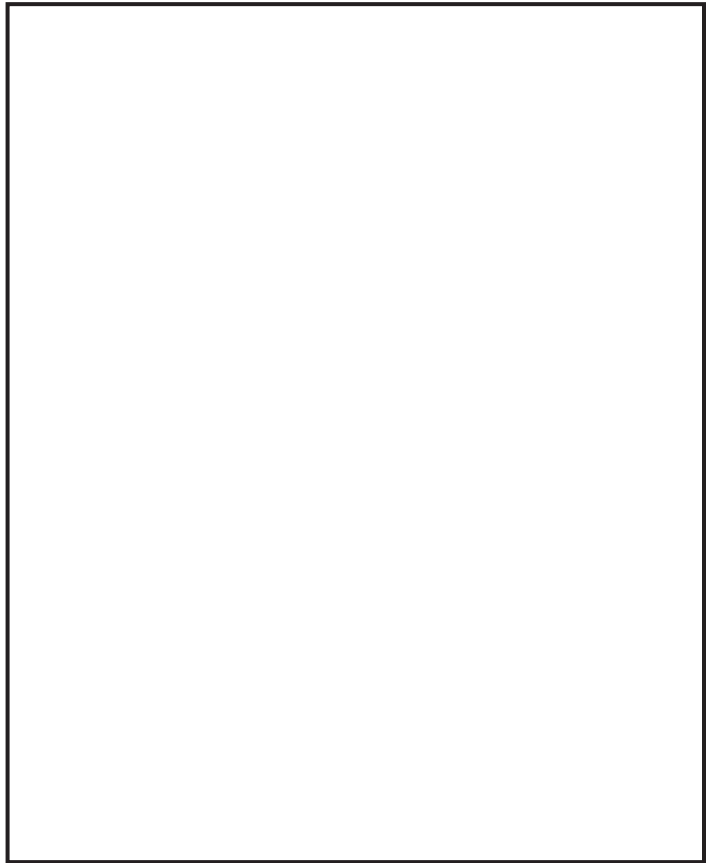
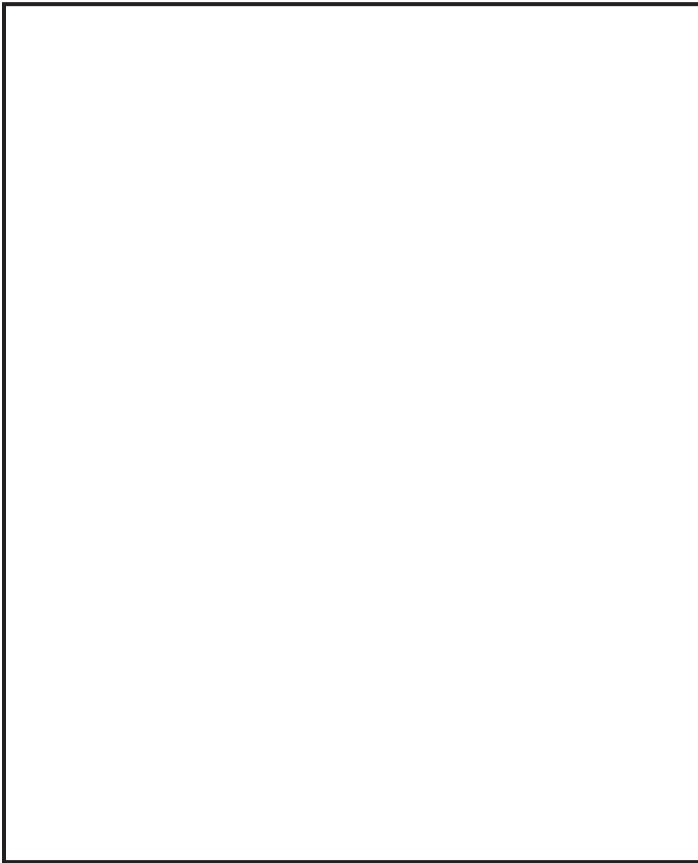
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*Pick a recent book that you've read that takes place in a world you'd like to travel to.  
Draw a day in your life in this new location.*

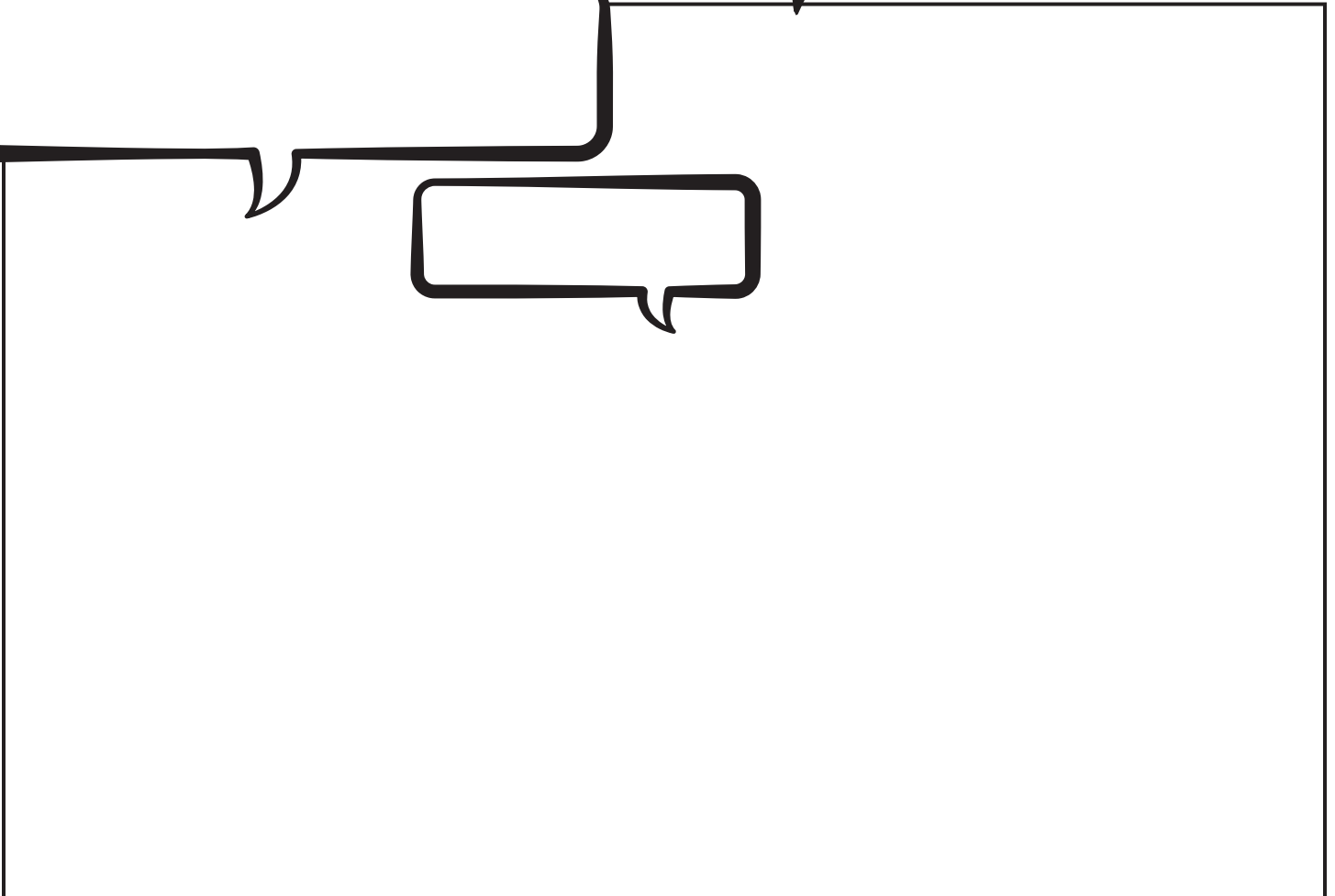
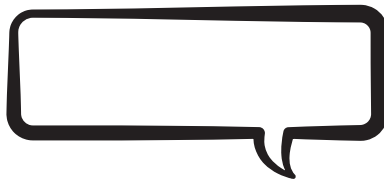
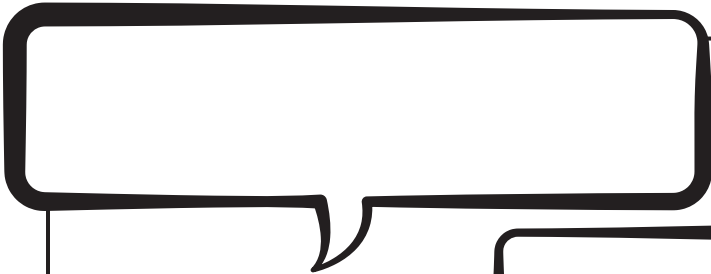
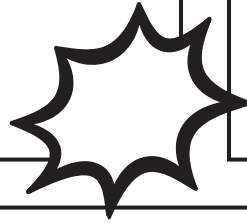
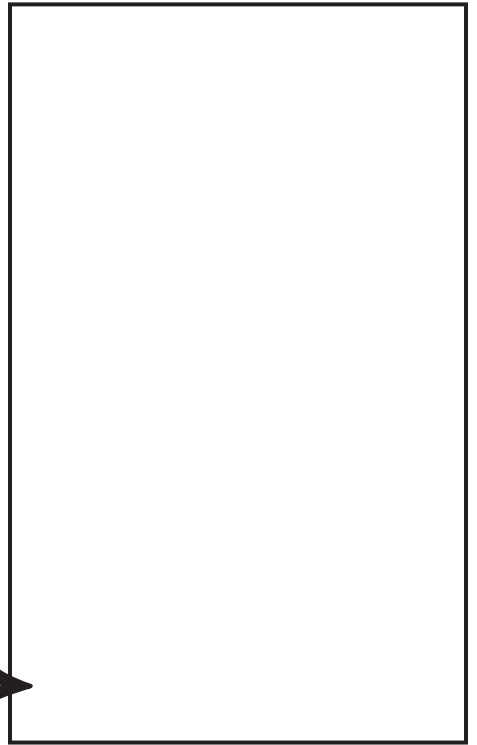
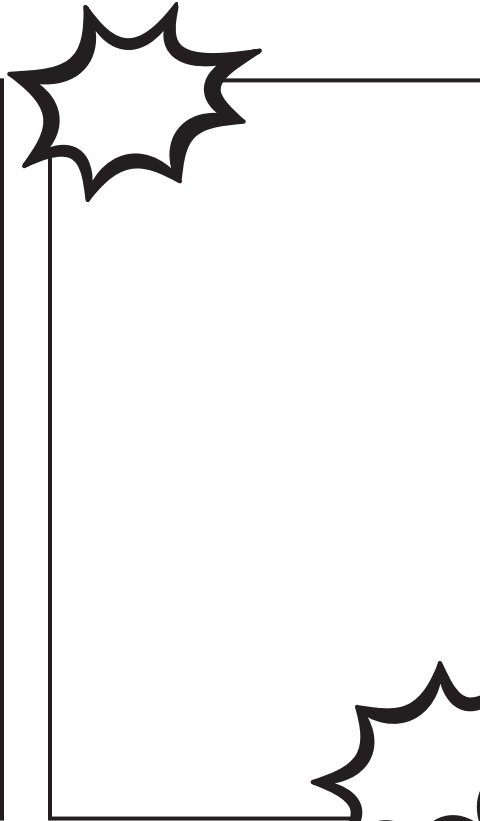
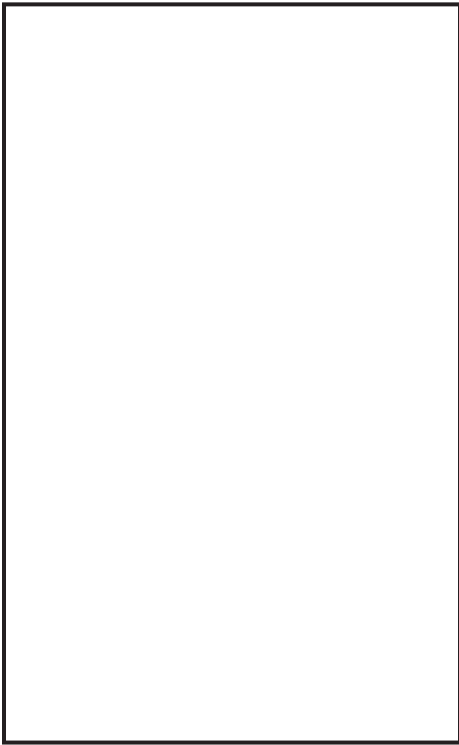


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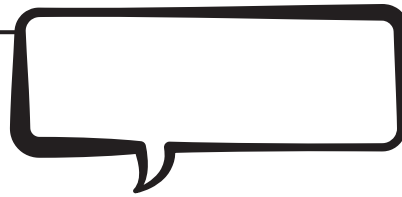
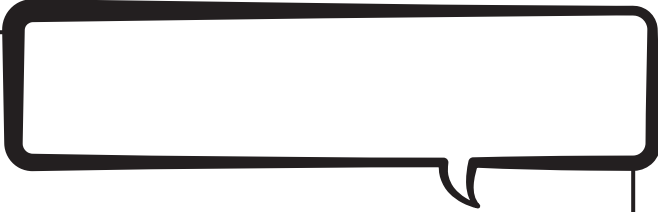
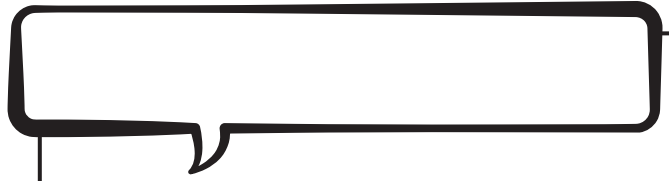
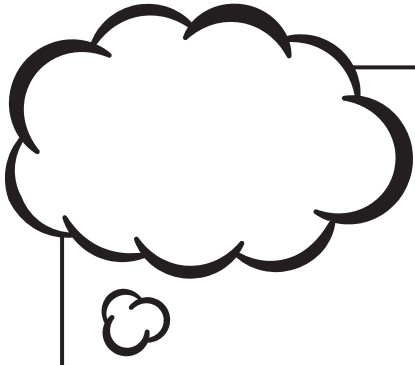
*Have you read a book that you wish had ended differently?  
Draw a new ending in the boxes below.*



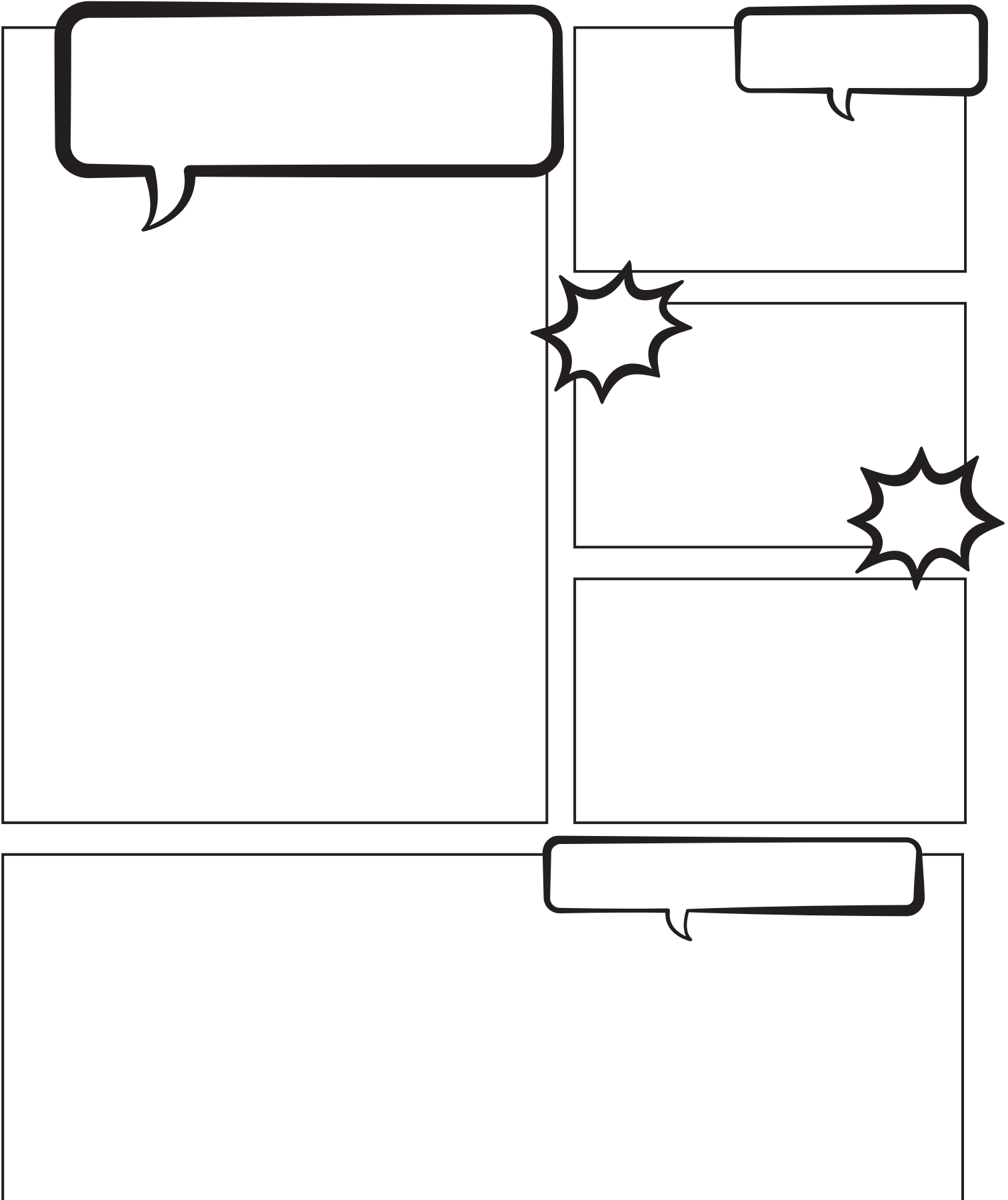
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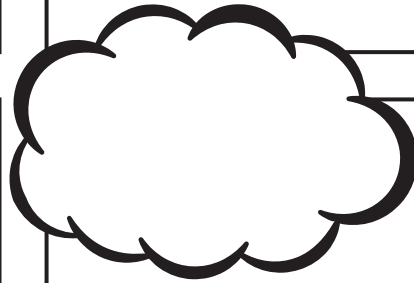
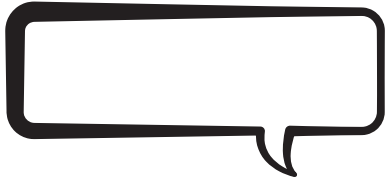
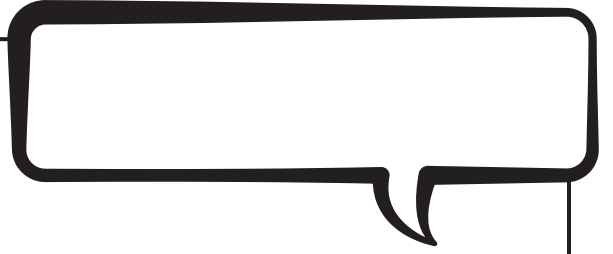
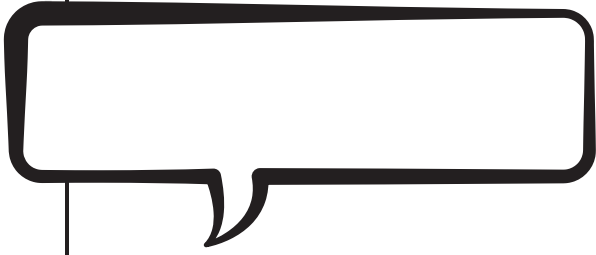


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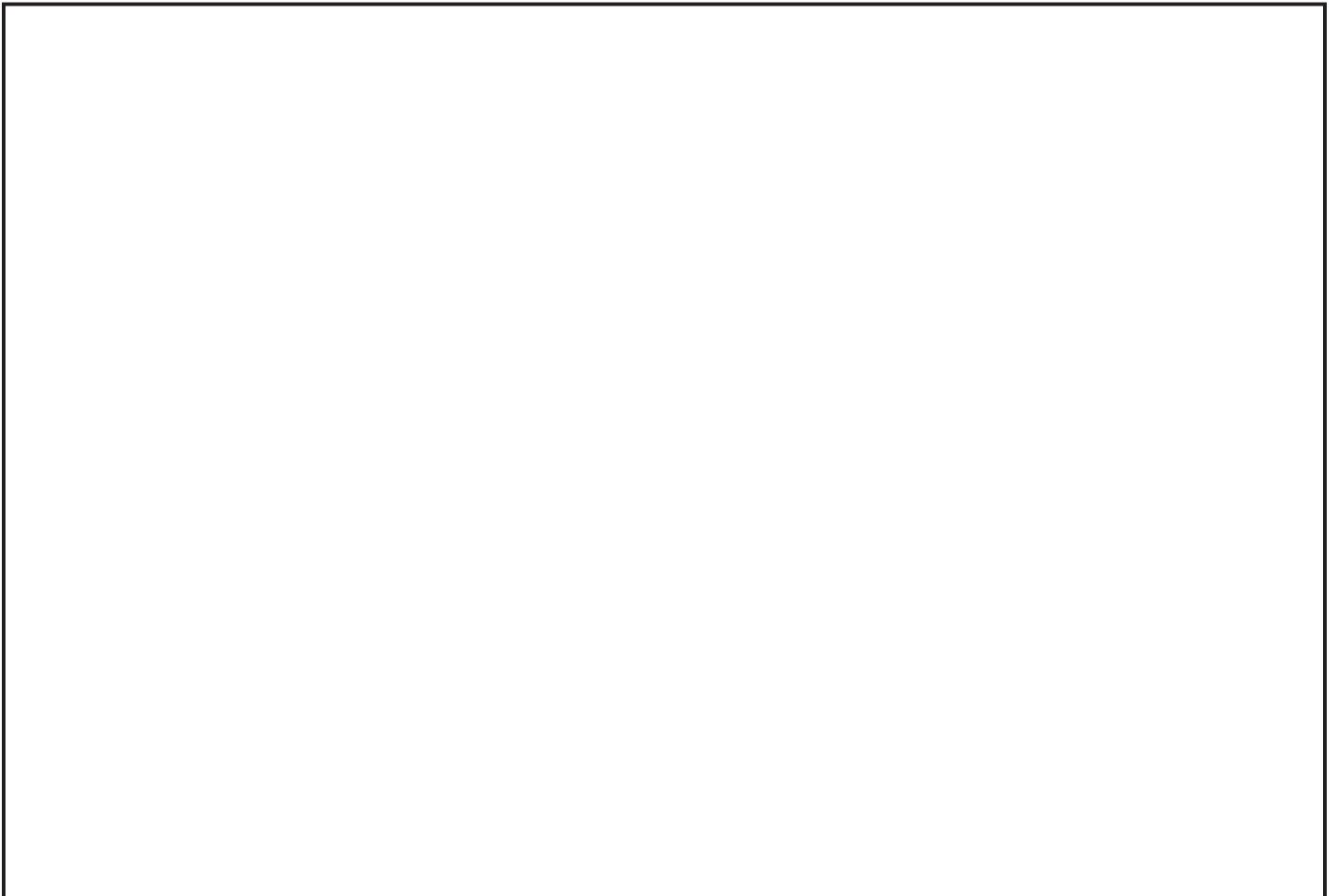
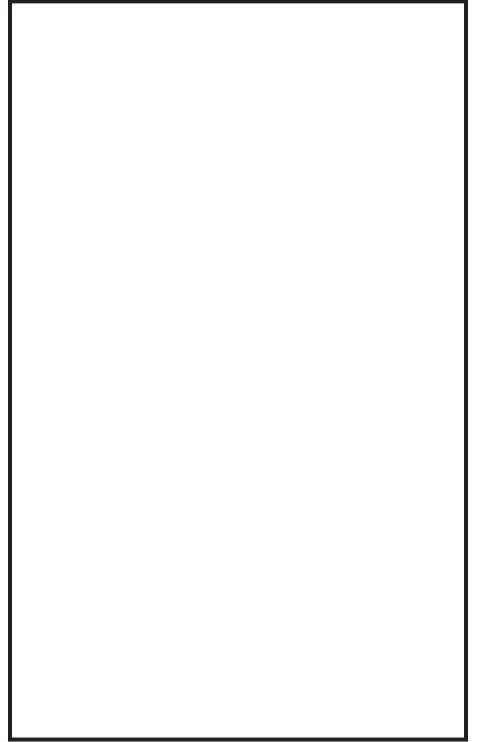
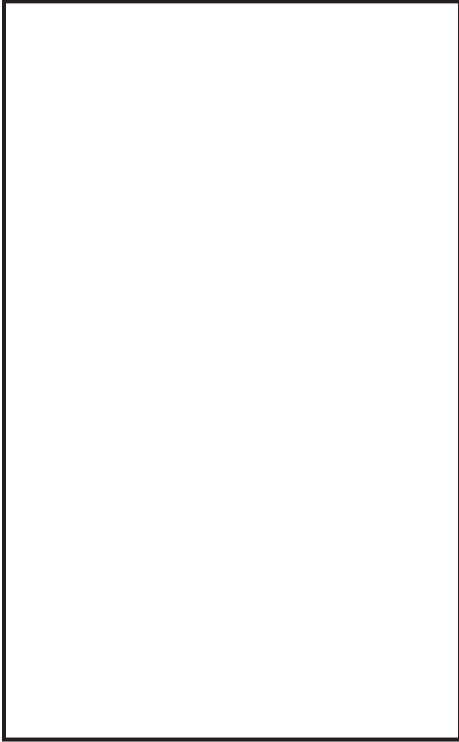




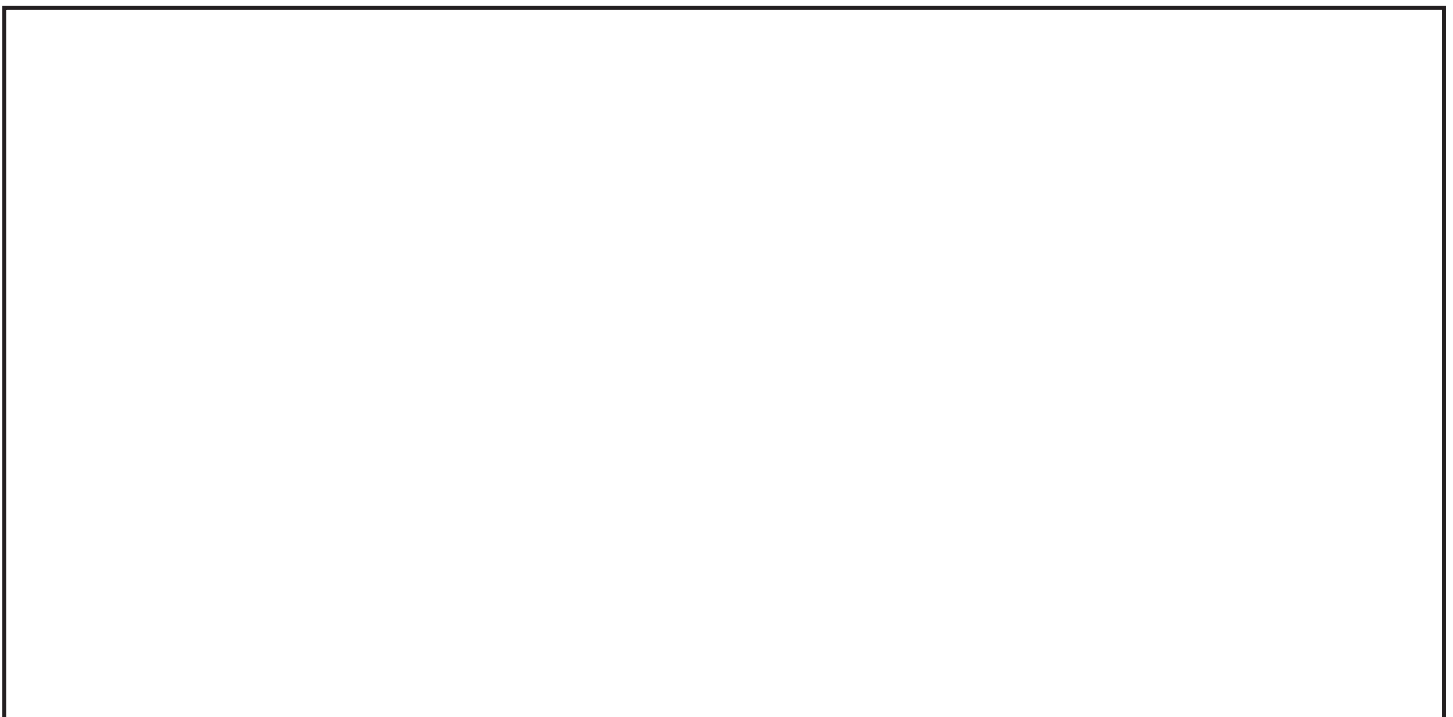
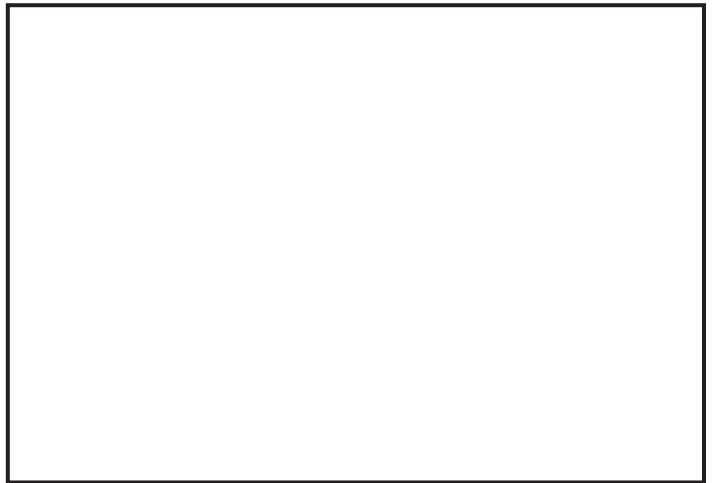
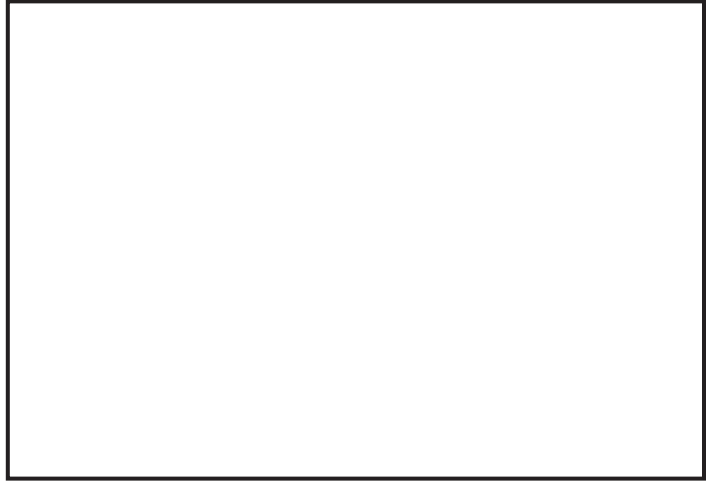
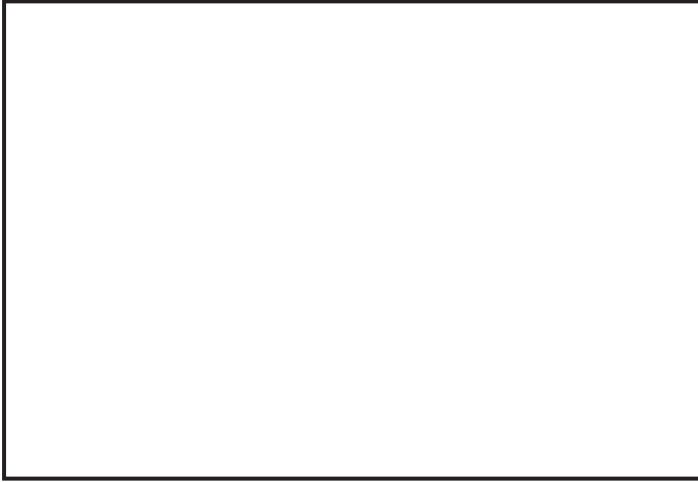
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