



DIGITAL STORY CONTEST



Contest Description

Story Contest is organized by International Black Sea University to promote use of Computer Technology among the students. Participation in the contest requires extensive use of technology skills. This year's contest is for middle and high school students in three different categories; animation, programming, and storybook / comic book. More categories will be added in the following years.

Categories

Animation

You will pick one of the three short stories that are provided in the last section (stories) of this regulation and create a cartoon animation using **Microsoft PowerPoint** and image editing tools. You will use shapes, cliparts, and background images for the slides and use animation features of PowerPoint to animate the objects and slides.

- The animation will have minimum 5 slides.
- You can use animated GIF images.

Projects will be evaluated in two categories according to the grades:

- Category 1 – V-VIII grades;
- Category 2 – IX-XII grades;

Programming

You will pick one of the three short stories that will be provided later in our website (cte.ibsu.edu.ge/outreach) and create a cartoon animation using **Scratch** programming language and image editing tools. You will use shapes, cliparts, and background images for the stages and use features of Scratch to animate the sprites and stages.

- The program will have minimum 3 stages.

Storybook / Comic Book

You will pick one of the three short stories that will be provided later in our website (cte.ibsu.edu.ge/outreach) and create a storybook or a comic book using any platform like **Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, etc.** and image editing tools. You will use shapes, cliparts, and background images to enhance your book with visual components.

- The book will have minimum 5 pages
- The storybook will end with a concluding message in your own words. Before writing the message, think about the lesson that the story teaches.

Evaluation Criteria

- **[20pts] Creativity:** Creativity can exist in various ways. For example,

- you can design the story characters in a creative way
- you can add figures into the scenes that do not exist in the original story but just fit in
- you can alter the text of the story to make it more interesting or fun
- **[25pts] Technicality:** Technicality is best shown with extensive use of features in the tools used
 - cliparts, modified shapes, word art and their formatting such as gradients, line styles, shadows
 - use of animation features in Powerpoint (for the animation category)
 - use of programming features in Scratch (for the programming category)
- **[30pts] Design**
 - Page layout
 - Color contrast
 - Text format
 - Relevance of pictures with the story
 - Consistency between pages
 - Text/image balance
- **[15pts] Effort:** Amount of effort put in to the work will be measured by the inspection of details such as
 - number of images/shapes and whether they are developed by the student
 - number of formatted objects
- **[10pts] Conclusion:** Originality and clarity of the concluding message and visual look of the conclusion.

Participation

Students can participate with only one project as individual or as a group of two people. Each student can participate with only one project.

- Send your project to cteoutreach@ibsu.edu.ge
- In the email body, mention the following:
 - Student name and grade
 - Contest category
 - School name and city (make sure you include enough info to distinguish your school from others)
 - Mobile number

Timeline

Animation

- **Submission deadline:** 11:59 pm, 1st February 2015.
- **Contest results:** Contest results will be announced through the contest website (www.cte.ibsu.edu.ge/outreach) on 4th February 2015.
- **Award Ceremony:** Prizes will be given at the IBSU Award Ceremony at 16:00 on 5th February 2015.

Programming

- **Submission deadline:** 11:59 pm, 8th March 2015.
- **Contest results:** Contest results will be announced through the contest website (www.cte.ibsu.edu.ge/outreach) on 11th March 2015.
- **Award Ceremony:** Prizes will be given at the IBSU Award Ceremony at 16:00 on 12th March 2015.

Storybook / Comic Book

- **Submission deadline:** 11:59 pm, 24th May 2015.
- **Contest results:** Contest results will be announced through the contest website (www.cte.ibsu.edu.ge/outreach) on 28th May 2015.
- **Award Ceremony:** Prizes will be given at the IBSU Award Ceremony at 16:00 on 29th May 2015.

Rules

- **Using ready-made resources:** Use of resources such as images, cliparts, animated GIFs, etc in the product is allowed by formatting and composing them into a single scene. However, the image found cannot form the heart of the work; it cannot include everything needed to describe a scene. In addition, illegal use of copyrighted work is not allowed.
- **Consent:** Upon submission of the work to the contest, creator of the work grants IBSU permission to use it in its products and services. The work of the participants will be published online at the contest website.

STORIES

Strong or Weak

There was a proud teak tree in the forest. He was tall and strong. There was a small herb next to the tree. The teak tree said, "I am very handsome and strong. No one can defeat me". Hearing this the herb replied, "Dear friend, too much pride is harmful. Even the strong will fall one day". The teak ignored the herb's words. He continued to praise himself. A strong wind blew. The teak stood firmly. Even when it rained, the teak stood strong by spreading its leaves. At the same time, the herb bowed low. The teak made fun of the herb. One day there was a storm in the forest. The herb bowed low. As usual the teak did not want to bow. The storm kept growing stronger. The teak could no longer bear it. He felt his strength giving way. He fell down. This was the end of the proud tree. When everything was calm the herb stood straight. He looked around. He saw the proud teak had fallen.

The Eagle and the Fox

An Eagle and a Fox formed an intimate friendship and decided to live near each other. The Eagle built her nest in the branches of a tall tree, while the Fox crept into the underwood and there produced her young. Not long after they had agreed upon this plan, the Eagle, being in want of provision for her young ones, swooped down while the Fox was out, seized upon one of the little cubs, and feasted herself and her brood. The Fox on her return, discovered what had happened, but was less grieved for the death of her young than for her inability to avenge them. A just retribution, however, quickly fell upon the Eagle. While hovering near an altar, on which some villagers were sacrificing a goat, she suddenly seized a piece of the flesh, and carried it, along with a burning cinder, to her nest. A strong breeze soon fanned the spark into a flame, and the eaglets, as yet unfledged and helpless, were roasted in their nest and dropped down dead at the bottom of the tree. There, in the sight of the Eagle, the Fox gobbled them up.

The Four Oxen and the Lion

A Lion used to prowl about a field in which Four Oxen used to dwell. Many a time he tried to attack them; but whenever he came near they turned their tails to one another, so that whichever way he approached them he was met by the horns of one of them. At last, however, they fell quarrelling among themselves, and each went off to pasture alone in a separate corner of the field. Then the Lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end of all four.

RESOURCES

Clipart websites

<http://www.opendclipart.org>

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/clipart>

Scratch Programming Language

<http://scratch.mit.edu/>

Prizes will be given in each category



150 GEL



100 GEL



MP4

4th

USB FLASH DRIVE

32GB

5th

USB FLASH DRIVE

16GB