

# Scrapbooks



Scrapbooks are personal journals that intimately reflect the individual who created them. A student can conduct a meaningful character study by compiling a scrapbook as if he or she were another person. This project requires thoughtful attention to the details of what makes individuals unique.

## Creating

- ★ **Binding the Scrapbook:** Give each student five large sheets of construction paper to use as the scrapbook. If you have a binding machine, you should bind the sheets of paper together along the short side. Otherwise, students can design a binding to hold the sheets together.
- ★ **Using the Templates:** Pass out copies of the picture templates on page 49. Students should design photographs or illustrations that the scrapbook's "creator" might have taken. For example, the pictures can be scenes from a historical figure's life or scenes from a book character's life. Students should write a caption for each picture. They can also add any other elements that reflect the person.

## How

- ★ **Book Reports:** Have students create a scrapbook as if it were made by a character in a novel that they have read. It could include letters from other characters, souvenirs of significant events, diary entries, pictures of the settings and characters, and more.
- ★ **Historical Figures:** Students can create a scrapbook for a famous person they are studying in class. For example, a pioneer traveling west in a covered wagon or a settler in Jamestown.
- ★ **End-of-the-Year Scrapbooks:** Compile a class scrapbook of major events that happened throughout the year. Each student can design a page. This can be added to the classroom library for future classes to look through.

# Scrapbook Template

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use these frames to draw pictures for your scrapbook. Fill the entire frame with color. Cut the pictures out and glue them into the scrapbook. Write a caption next to each picture.

