

Comic Script Rubric: *Legacy in Panels*

Category	4 - Excellent	3 - Proficient	2 - Developing	1 - Beginning	Points
Historical Content & Accuracy	Script clearly reflects a specific historical moment with accurate facts, context, and detail. Integrates 3–4 credible sources smoothly into narrative.	Historical event is mostly accurate with 2–3 credible sources. Information supports the story but may lack depth or specificity.	Some historical information included, but sources are unclear or insufficiently connected to the story.	Limited or inaccurate historical information. Sources are missing, unreliable, or not integrated.	____ / 8
Story Structure & Organization	Comic has a clear, engaging narrative arc. Script includes ~10–12 well-defined panels, organized across two labeled pages with logical flow.	Comic follows a mostly clear narrative arc. Script includes ~8–10 panels across two labeled pages with minor issues in pacing or structure.	Narrative structure is attempted but unclear or rushed. Fewer than 8 panels or structure is confusing.	Panels/pages are disorganized or missing. No clear narrative arc.	____ / 8

Script Format & Clarity	Script uses professional comic format: panels are numbered, actions described clearly, and dialogue is formatted correctly and consistently.	Most panels are formatted correctly with descriptions and dialogue. Some minor inconsistencies in labeling or formatting.	Some attempt at panel labeling and dialogue, but formatting is unclear or confusing.	Lacks consistent format. Panels, descriptions, or dialogue are missing or unreadable.	___ / 8
Dialogue & Voice	Dialogue sounds authentic and purposeful. Narrative voice is engaging. Captions and speech are well-placed and support tone and emotion of the story.	Dialogue is mostly realistic and relevant. Some strong voice and tone, though some lines may feel flat or forced.	Dialogue feels unnatural or is overly sparse. Voice is limited or inconsistent.	Dialogue is missing, awkward, or unrelated to the story.	___ / 8
Conventions & Mechanics	Grammar, punctuation, and spelling are clean and enhance readability. Script has been carefully revised and edited.	Few grammar or spelling errors that don't impede understanding.	Frequent errors distract from clarity but meaning is still accessible.	Major errors make the script difficult to understand. No evidence of revision.	___ / 8

BONUS: Creativity/Visual Cues (Optional)	Script shows creative interpretation—through metaphor, humor, emotion, or compelling scene descriptions. Includes visual notes (angles, expressions, etc.).	Some creative elements or thoughtful visual directions included.	Minimal creativity or imaginative choices. Visuals lack support.	Not applicable or missing.	+ ____ / 4
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Total Score: ____ / 40 (+ optional 4 bonus)

Notes:

- Students can score up to 44 points total if bonus creativity is included.
- You can scale this rubric (e.g., multiply scores to match 100 points) or add a section for collaboration/presentation if you plan to have students share their work.