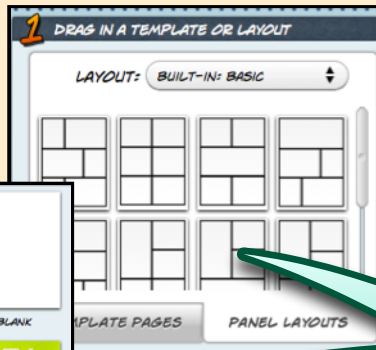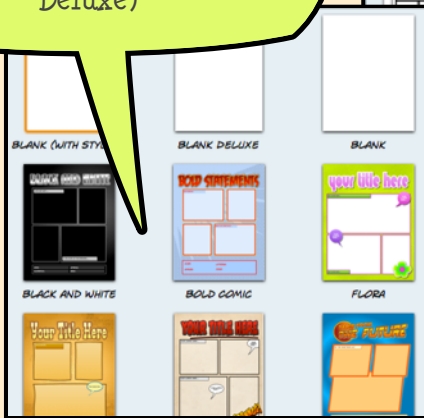# WOW!

Make your own Classroom Creation

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Getting Started...
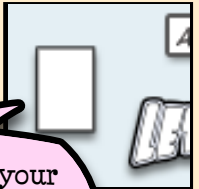
To start, you can pick from one of the pre-made templates, or you can start from scratch and choose a blank one (I like Blank Deluxe)

DRAG IN A TEMPLATE OR LAYOUT

LAYOUT: BUILT-IN: BASIC

TEMPLATE PAGES PANEL LAYOUTS

OR

Start from scratch. Drag your own panels in and customize your page yourself. They are located on the bottom near the speech bubbles.

BLANK (WITH STYLE) BLANK DELUXE BLANK

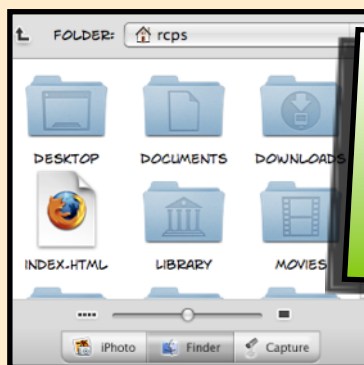BLACK AND WHITE BOLD COMIC FLORA

Or

Choose from over 200 Templates... Just drag and drop onto your page. Panels are completely customizable once you get them in. YOu can add, delete, or change the size and style.
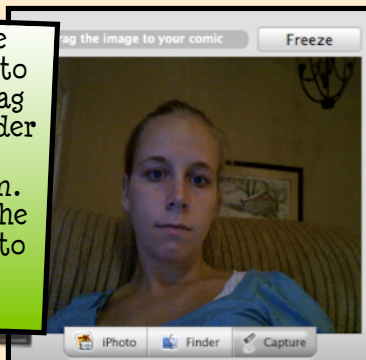
Adding Pictures...

Google

Google Checkout

Add pictures from google images or any other website just by clicking and dragging into a panel

FOLDER: rcps

DESKTOP DOCUMENTS DOWNLOADS

INDEX-HTML LIBRARY MOVIES

iPhoto Finder Capture

When under "Libraries," select "finder" at the bottom and you can drag any image file saved to your computer.

Drag the image to your comic Freeze

You can even use the camera on most Macs to Capture images and drag them into a panel. Under "Libraries" select "Caputre" at the bottom. Click "Freeze" to take the picture, then drag it onto your page.

iPhoto Finder Capture

ALBUM: Photos

DSC01193 DSC01239 DSC01250

DSC01256 DSC01109 DSC01120

DSC01144 DSC01187 DSC01245

If you keep your images in iPhoto, Comic Life automatically connects to that library and it's easy to drag your images in. Under "Libraries" select "iPhoto" at the bottom.

iPhoto Finder Capture

Adding Text...

Regular Text Box

Once you drag this in, you can change the look of the box or take off the border using the **"Style"** icon in the toolbar. You can edit the text using the toolbar (picture shown below).

ABCDE...

LETTERING

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Fancy Lettering

To use the fancy lettering, Drag that option onto your page. Type a short title (has be be able to fit onto one line). You can then change the way the letters look by using the "Style" option from the toolbar. Letters are completely customizable using the toolbar at the top of your page.
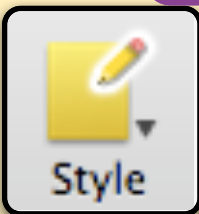
Stroke: ☑ | | ■ | Fill: ▭ | ☐ Shadow

Adding Speech Bubbles...

Drag any of the speech bubbles from the bottom menu onto your page. Type the text you want. once you've typed your text, you can resize and reshape your bubble however you like. You can also change the way the bubble looks by using the "Style" menu above. You can drag the tail wherever you like, or you can hide it behind the bubble.

Editing Anything...

Style

Any object on your page can be edited by clicking on it. You can then click on "Style" in the toolbar to get many different options for changing the way an object looks, even the background. There are many neat options for changing the way a picture looks.

Toolbar

The toolbar located near the top of the page gives you further options for editing a selected object. You can change the color of ANYTHING. You can also change the frames, shadows, and fonts using this option.
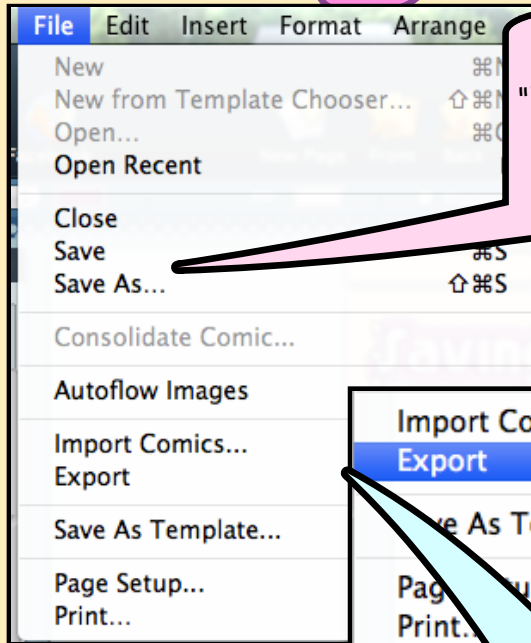
Inspector

The Inspector menu give you some fine tuning options. One I really like is customizing shadows.
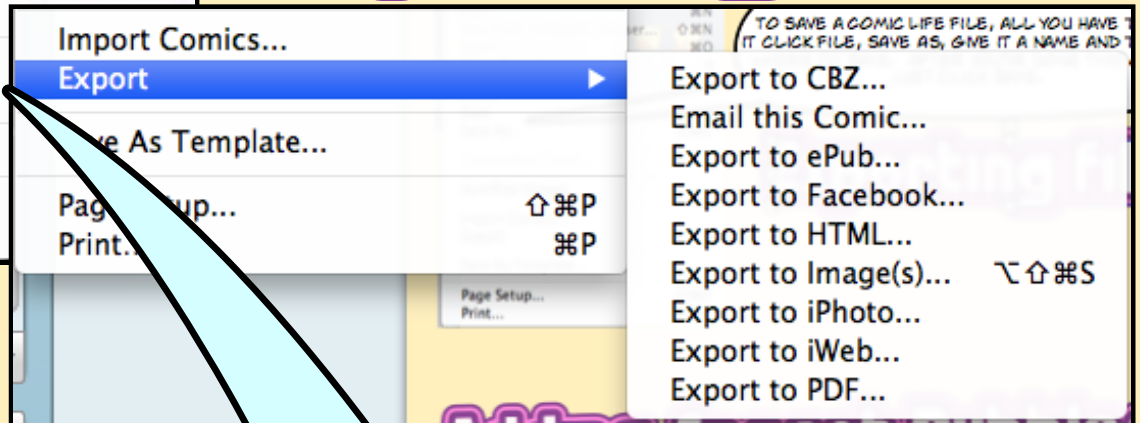
Final Thought...
The only thing that limits your abilities in comic life is your own creativity.

Saving files...

File | Edit | Insert | Format | Arrange

New ⌘N
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Open... ⌘O
Open Recent

Close
Save ⌘S
Save As... ⇧⌘S

Consolidate Comic...

Autoflow Images

Import Comics...
Export

Save As Template...

Page Setup...
Print...

To save a Comic Life file, all you have to do is click "File", "Save As", give it a name, and tell it where to save. After you've done this once, just click save the next time.

Exporting files...

Import Comics...
Export ▶

ve As Template...

Pag... up... ⇧⌘P
Print... ⌘P

Page Setup...
Print...

Export to CBZ...
Email this Comic...
Export to ePub...
Export to Facebook...
Export to HTML...
Export to Image(s)... ⌥⇧⌘S
Export to iPhoto...
Export to iWeb...
Export to PDF...

You also have some options for exporting in other formats. Click "File" and "Export" Here are two options I find Most useful:

<u>PDF</u>
When you have a finished page, you may want to be able to email it or put it on a web page. Most people don't have Comic Life on their computers, so they wouldn't be able to open it. If you Export it as a PDF, others will be able to view it.

<u>Image:</u>
You can export your finished page as an image for a variety of reasons: Others can open it if they don't have comic life, you may want to put a page you made into a Powerpoint, I have even had yearbook teachers have kids make pages and put the image in the yearbook.

Comic Life at Home...

RCPS Teachers have permission to download Comic Life 2 to personally owned computers for free! Go into your First Class desktop. Find the Technology Info folder. Inside, open "Home Installations." You'll find directions for downloading Comic Life 2.

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