

# Turtle Guardian Superhero

Grade 5 – Visual Arts



## Lesson Details

<b>Grade Level:</b>	5	<b>Curriculum Links:</b>	Visual Arts	<b>Time Needed:</b>	1 hour
<b>Learning Goal</b>	To be introduced to the “comic book” style of illustrations by creating their own Turtle Guardian Superhero. To learn what it means to be a Turtle Guardian and why their role is important.				
<b>Success Criteria</b>	By the end of this activity, students will understand what a Turtle Guardian is, how to become one themselves, and finally create their own Turtle Guardian Superhero on a comic book cover.				
<b>Specific Expectations</b>	<p><i>Visual Arts – Elements of Design</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create two- and three-dimensional artworks that express feelings and ideas inspired by their own and others' points of view;</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of composition, using selected principles of design to create narrative artworks or artworks on a theme or topic;</li> <li>• Use elements of design in artworks to communicate ideas, messages, and understandings;</li> <li>• Describe how forms and styles of visual and media arts represent various messages and contexts in the past and present.</li> </ul>				
<b>Materials Needed</b>	Worksheet (attached), Pencil, Crayons, Markers, Pencil Crayons, Paper.				

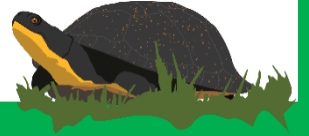
## Lesson Description

<b>Overview</b>	Turtle Guardians are superheroes because they provide help for and spread awareness of turtles in Ontario. Students will be introduced to the Turtle Guardian program and create their own Turtle Guardian Superhero as a comic book character.
<b>Activity</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To begin, introduce the students to the “comic book” style of illustration. If desired, share images of comic book covers from the 1950’s onward to provide context and inspiration for their own comic book cover.</li> <li>2. Then introduce what a Turtle Guardian is and the activity. Students will be using comic book style illustrations to create their own Turtle Guardian Superhero.</li> <li>3. Next, hand out the attached worksheet for students to begin planning their superhero and creating a rough draft of the design.</li> <li>4. Finally, have students share their comic book covers with the class and describe the special features of the superhero.</li> </ol>
<b>Background Information</b>	Turtle Guardians help track, monitor, and protect turtles across Ontario. There are 5 levels as part of the Turtle Guardian program: Level 1 (Ontario Turtle Identification), Level 2 (Wetland Watchers), Level 3 (Road Surveyors), Level 4 (Conservation Projects), and Level 5 (Research Permits).
<b>Blacklist Masters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom Worksheet (attached)</li> <li>• Video Link(s): <a href="#">How You Can Help Ontario Turtles</a></li> <li>• For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.turtleguardians.com/what-is-a-turtle-guardian/">https://www.turtleguardians.com/what-is-a-turtle-guardian/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Place-Based Learning</b>	Students are encouraged after the lesson to complete their own research about becoming a Turtle Guardian and real-life Superhero to help their local wildlife.

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<b>Inquiry-Based Learning</b>	Using <b>Guided Inquiry</b> , the students will work independently to complete the worksheet and learn about what it means to be a Turtle Guardian while using illustration skills to create a superhero.  Ask the students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is a Turtle Guardian? Why are they important?</li><li>• What does a Turtle Guardian Superhero look like to you?</li></ul>
<b>Turtle Stories</b>	Turtle Guardians provide important help towards turtle conservation. You can become a Turtle Guardian superhero too! Tell us how you've been a nature superhero in your local community. Students are encouraged to share their experiences, pictures, and comic book covers on the Turtle Stories website, found here: <a href="https://www.turtlestories.ca/">https://www.turtlestories.ca/</a>
<b>Turtle Guardian Program Links</b>	In <b>Level 1</b> (Ontario Turtle Identification) of the <b>Turtle Guardian Program</b> , students will learn how to identify all 8 species of Ontario's turtles and how to help them. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.turtleguardians.com/what-is-a-turtle-guardian/">https://www.turtleguardians.com/what-is-a-turtle-guardian/</a>

## My Notes



# Turtle Guardian Superhero

**Q1. What is a Turtle Guardian?**

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**Q2. What is the name of your Turtle Guardian Superhero?**

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**Q3. How does your Superhero help turtles'? What are their superpowers?**

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**Q4. Does your Superhero have a sidekick? What do they look like? What is their name? Their superpowers?**

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**Q5. What is the name of your comic book?**

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**Q6. What is in the background of your picture? What will your Superhero be doing?**

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**On the back of this piece of paper begin creating a rough draft of your comic book cover featuring your Turtle Guardian Superhero!**

**Then on another piece of paper create your good copy and colour.**