

THE LEAGUE OF URSUS

ACTIVITY KIT

Based on the books
SPARK AND THE LEAGUE OF URSUS
and *SPARK AND THE GRAND SLEUTH*

BY ROBERT REPINO

**READ *SPARK AND THE GRAND SLEUTH*,
THE EPIC SEQUEL TO *SPARK AND THE LEAGUE OF URSUS***


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SPARK BINGO!

LORETTA AND HER BROTHER LOVE TO MAKE AND WATCH MOVIES!
EXPLORE THE WORLD OF CINEMA USING THE SPARK BINGO CARD.

RULES: COMPLETE FIVE IN ANY ROW (HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL)

S	P	A	R	K
READ A BOOK THAT WAS TURNED INTO A MOVIE	WATCH YOUR CAREGIVER'S FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MOVIE	WATCH A MOVIE THAT HAS AN ANIMAL AS THE MAIN CHARACTER	WATCH AN ANIMATED MOVIE	WATCH A MOVIE THAT IS BASED ON A BOOK
LISTEN TO A MOVIE SOUNDTRACK	WATCH A MOVIE THAT IS BASED ON A FAIRY TALE	WATCH A SCARY MOVIE	WATCH A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE	WATCH A FUNNY MOVIE
WATCH A MOVIE ABOUT SPORTS	LEARN ABOUT A FAMOUS DIRECTOR		WATCH A MUSICAL	WATCH A MOVIE THAT IS BASED ON A COMIC BOOK
WATCH AN OSCAR-NOMINATED MOVIE	WATCH A DOCUMENTARY	WRITE A REVIEW OF A MOVIE OF YOUR CHOICE	WATCH A FANTASY MOVIE	LEARN ABOUT A FAMOUS ACTOR OR ACTRESS
WATCH AN ANIME MOVIE	RE-WATCH YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD	RENT A MOVIE FROM THE LIBRARY	WATCH A MOVIE THAT HAS A BEAR AS A CHARACTER	WATCH A MOVIE WITH YOUR FAMILY OR GROUP OF FRIENDS

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MAKE YOUR OWN SECRET CODE

IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF URSUS COMMUNICATE USING A SECRET CODE THAT ONLY OTHER BEARS CAN READ. MAKE UP YOUR OWN CODE BY ASSIGNING NEW LETTERS OR SYMBOLS TO EACH ALPHABET LETTER.

A = _____

H = _____

O = _____

V = _____

B = _____

I = _____

P = _____

W = _____

C = _____

J = _____

Q = _____

X = _____

D = _____

K = _____

R = _____

Y = _____

E = _____

L = _____

S = _____

Z = _____

F = _____

M = _____

T = _____

G = _____

N = _____

U = _____

Practice using your code! Write a secret message in the space below.

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VIDEO-MAKING 101: WRITE A SCRIPT

LORETTA AND MATTHEW HOST THEIR OWN YOUTUBE CHANNEL CALLED LM², WHERE THEY POST VIDEOS ABOUT MOVIE-MAKING. IF YOU COULD START YOUR OWN YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHAT WOULD IT BE ABOUT?

Let's write a script for your very first episode!

I WOULD MAKE A CHANNEL ABOUT: _____

MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL WOULD BE CALLED: _____

MY FIRST EPISODE WOULD BE ABOUT: _____

Every story needs a beginning, a middle, and an end. Write an outline for your video.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Once you have your outline, it's time to start writing your script! Use the next page to get started. When your script is finished, use the storyboarding worksheets to plan each shot.

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SCRIPT:



QUIRK
BOOKS

TYPES OF CAMERA SHOTS

NEED HELP GETTING STARTED ON YOUR STORYBOARD? LEARN SOME BASIC TYPES OF CAMERA SHOTS USING THIS HANDY LIST!

EXTREME LONG SHOT:

SHOW YOUR SUBJECT FROM A DISTANCE.



LONG SHOT:

SHOW YOUR SUBJECT FROM HEAD TO TOE.



MEDIUM LONG SHOT:

SHOW YOUR SUBJECT FROM THE KNEES UP.



MEDIUM SHOT:

SHOW YOUR SUBJECT FROM THE WAIST UP.



MEDIUM CLOSE-UP:

SHOW YOUR SUBJECT FROM THE CHEST UP.



CLOSE-UP:

FOCUS ON YOUR SUBJECT'S HEAD AND FACE.



EXTREME CLOSE-UP:

ZOOM TIGHT ON A FACIAL FEATURE,
LIKE THE EYES OR MOUTH.

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⚡ PLAN OUT YOUR OWN MOVIE! ⚡

USE THIS STORYBOARD TO MAP OUT YOUR OWN MOVIE, JUST LIKE LORETTA AND HER BROTHER MATTHEW. DRAW YOUR SHOTS IN A SEQUENCE, ONE PER PANEL. DESCRIBE THE ACTION OF THE SHOT BENEATH EACH PANEL.

MOVIE TITLE: _____ **PAGE:** _____

The storyboard consists of two rows of three panels each. Each panel is a rectangle with a red paw print icon in the top left corner. The paw print has a '#' and a blank line for a shot number. Below each panel are four horizontal lines for describing the action. Arrows indicate the sequence of shots: from the first panel to the second, second to third, third to the fourth panel in the second row, and so on. A large teal arrow on the right side of the top row points down to the bottom row.

Row 1:

- Panel 1: Red paw print icon with '#' and blank line. Below are four horizontal lines for description.
- Panel 2: Red paw print icon with '#' and blank line. Below are four horizontal lines for description.
- Panel 3: Red paw print icon with '#' and blank line. Below are four horizontal lines for description.

Row 2:

- Panel 4: Red paw print icon with '#' and blank line. Below are four horizontal lines for description.
- Panel 5: Red paw print icon with '#' and blank line. Below are four horizontal lines for description.
- Panel 6: Red paw print icon with '#' and blank line. Below are four horizontal lines for description.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF URSUS!

“Grab a flashlight and burrow under the covers! *Spark and the League of Ursus* is the perfect bedtime adventure, with a fierce, fluffy hero you’ll want by your side when the lights go out.”

—Kirsten Miller, *New York Times*
best-selling co-author of *Nightmares!*

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS IN *SPARK AND THE LEAGUE OF URSUS* . . .

Spark is not your average teddy bear. She’s soft and cuddly, sure, but she’s also a fierce warrior. At night she fulfills her sacred duty: to protect the household from monsters. But when Jakmal, a monster unlike any other, descends on her quiet home, everything changes. Children are going missing, and it’s coming for Spark’s owner—a budding young filmmaker named Loretta—next.

To save Loretta, Spark must call upon the ancient League of Ursus—a secret alliance of teddy bears who have pledged to protect their human friends. With the help of an Amazon-princess doll and a timid sock monkey, the toys are all that stands between our world and the one that lies beneath. It will be a heroic chapter in the history of the League . . . if the bears live to tell the tale.



THE STORY CONTINUES IN THE HIGH-STAKES SEQUEL, *SPARK AND THE GRAND SLEUTH*

Weeks after Spark rescues Loretta from the hideous monster Jakmal, everything seems to be returning to normal. But then Spark is summoned before the mysterious Grand Sleuth, the high council of teddy bears, who task her with a dangerous mission: locating the portal to the monster’s world.

During her daring quest, Spark discovers a terrible secret that changes everything. In order to keep Loretta and the whole town safe, she must enlist the help of her loyal toy friends and team up with an unexpected ally. As the menace grows, Spark realizes that Loretta has a hidden power that may be the key to saving them all . . .

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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