



## Paint Your Own Storyboard!

**I**n this FACTivity, you will draw and color your own storyboard. Cut 1 piece of plain 8.5" X 11" paper or cardstock in half so you have two long pieces. Tape the ends of these two 4.25" X 11" pieces together to make a 4.25" X 22" paper storyboard. You may also use a piece of corrugated cardboard that your teacher has cut for you.

As you learned in this essay, the Palauan painters used symbols to tell a story. They painted pictures, such as trees, roosters, and clams, as symbols.

First, decide what story you will tell with your storyboard. For example, you can describe a favorite vacation or family experience, a story from your childhood, a school experience, or an

accomplishment that you would like to share. Then, think of 4–8 symbols to use to tell your story.

Using crayons, colored markers, or paint, draw and color your storyboard.

Share your storyboard with your class. Explain the meaning of each symbol and the meaning of your story.

**For fun: Before sharing your story, see if your classmates can guess what story your storyboard illustrates.**

**Discussion: Name two reasons you think the bais' storyboards are important to Palauan culture.**

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## Web Resources

Palau: Airai—Native Place: Bai-ra-Irrai (pacificworlds.com)  
<http://pacificworlds.com/palau/index.cfm>

Belau National Museum  
<http://belaunationalmuseum.net/>

Belau National Museum: Palau Through the Years  
<http://belaunationalmuseum.net/exhibit.html>

