

## USE THIS LESSON TO:

**Familiarise yourself with the story and characters of *The Lion King*.**

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Paper or Notebook
- Pencil or pen



# SETTING THE SCENE

## EXPLORE ⌚ 10 MINUTES

Read the story synopsis for *The Lion King* below. Draw pictures of the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

## CREATE ⌚ 10 MINUTES

Now it is time to bring an iconic moment of the story to life: the presentation of Simba to the animals of the Pridelands. There are many different ways you might choose to depict this moment, get creative! Here are some ideas:

- Act it out.
- Make a tableau, or frozen picture, using other people in your home, toys, or found objects.
- Draw a comic strip.
- Make a short live-action or stop motion movie.
- Design a diorama / model box.

**LEVEL UP:** Create a movie trailer or television commercial for *The Lion King*.

## SHARE ⌚ 5 MINUTES

Share what you've created with the people in your home, or by documenting the process in your journal.

## SYNOPSIS

It is sunrise on the African savannah. Rafiki, a wise old mandrill, calls the animals to Pride Rock to bow to Mufasa and welcome the newborn prince, Simba. This playful young cub will someday be King, and his best friend Nala the future Queen. Meanwhile, the King's brother Scar resents Simba who will replace him as heir to the throne. He recruits the Hyenas in his murderous plan to become king himself.

One day, Scar brings young Simba to the gorge to meet his father for a "surprise." Scar leaves and the Hyenas start a stampede of wildebeests. Simba runs for his life. Mufasa rescues him, but is thrown back into the stampede by Scar, and is trampled. The King is dead. Scar convinces Simba that he is to blame for his father's death, and tells him to leave the Pridelands and never return. The Hyenas chase the lion cub into the desert.

Scar assumes the throne, and rules Pride Rock with the Hyenas. Lost in the desert, Simba meets Timon and Pumbaa who take him to their worry-free home in the jungle. Under the rule of Scar, the Pridelands are nearly destroyed. Nala leaves the Pridelands to find help.

Nala finds Simba alive in the jungle. She urges him to come back home to take his rightful place as King, but he refuses. Rafiki appears and helps him remember his father, convincing him to return to the Pridelands. Timon and Pumbaa distract the Hyenas while Nala rallies the lionesses. Simba confronts his uncle and the truth of the murder of Mufasa is revealed. Scar is banished from the Pridelands. He runs away, pursued by angry Hyenas. With peace restored in the Pridelands, Simba takes his place as king and the circle of life continues.