Junior Historians Reading Club – The First Rule of Punk

What is a 7ine?

In Celia C. Perez's The First Rule of Punk, Malú adapts to a new school in a new city and searches for "her people," while always following the first and most important rule of punk: Be Yourself. To express her feelings and explore new ideas, Malú creates **Zines**. Small, self-published, Do-It-Yourself (**DIY**) magazines, these tiny publications allow the author to explore any and all topics in whatever capacity they choose. Zines (short for magazines) take all the stuffiness out of a traditional publication, focusing instead on self-expression, individual interests, and sharing original ideas in a unique and artistic way.



Create Your Own Zine!

What you will need:

- One sheet of paper
- Scissors
- Glue (Liquid or stick)
- Pictures (from magazines, old books, etc.)
- Markers, colored pencils, etc.
- Any art supplies you would like to incorporate (sequins, glitter, paint, etc.)

Step 1. Fold paper in half, then in half again, and once more lengthwise until you have 8 distinct sections.

Step 2. Unfold and then refold the paper along the original crease.

Step 3. Carefully make a cut from the center crease of the page along the middle fold.

Step 4. Fold the paper lengthwise and push the two opposite ends together, opening the cut you just made. Then fold the whole book together to make your 8 page zine.

An idea!

Cut images or letters from magazines or old books and paste them into your zine to create brand new designs. Fill in your zine with topics you find interesting, original poems, sketches, whatever you want! Make photo copies of your zine and share with your friends and family.



Find out more about Zines:

How to Make a Zine: A Kid Friendly Guide by Celia C. Pérez

Library of Congress: Zine Web Archive

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