

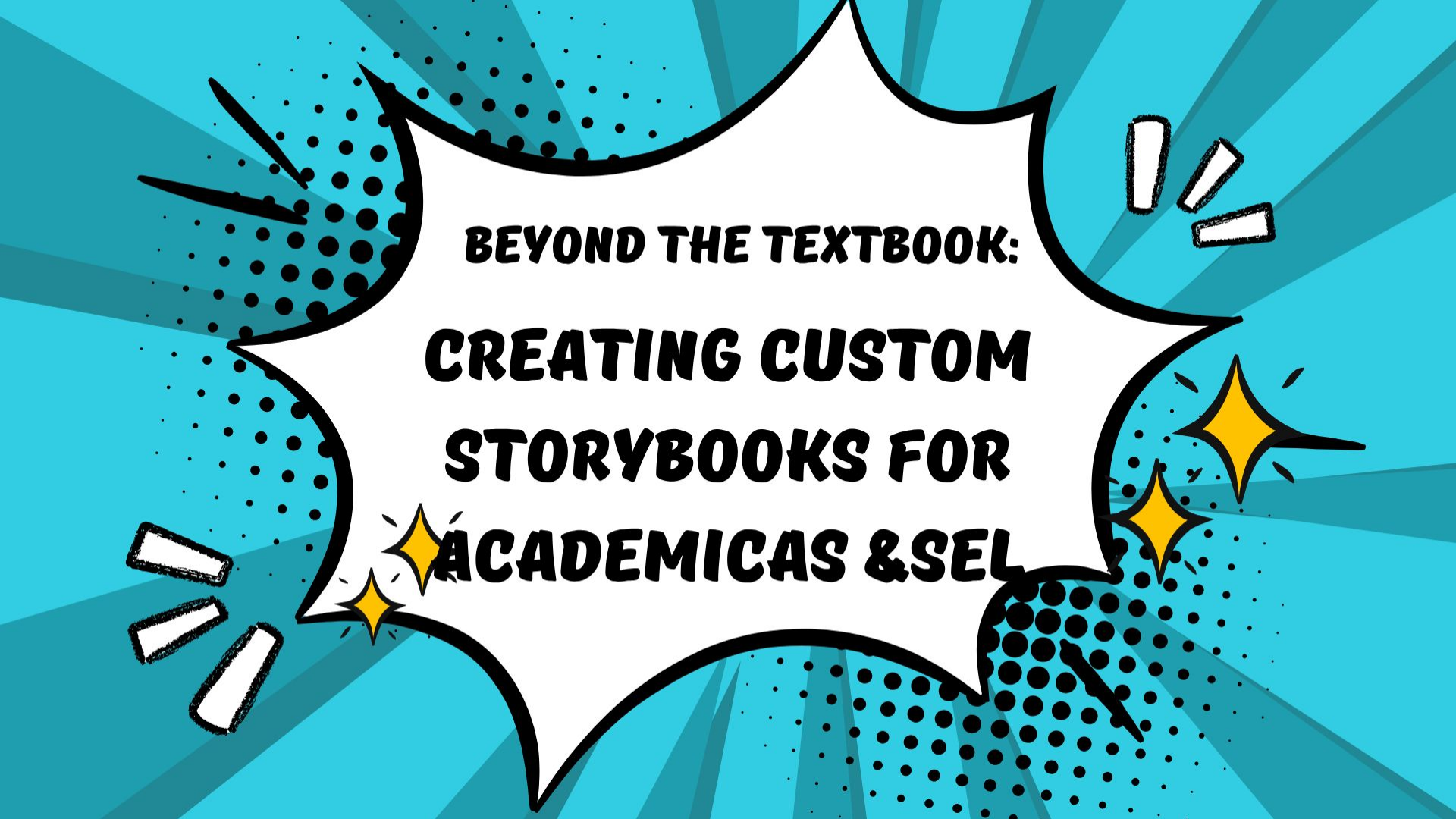
# **NETA 2026**

**Beyond the  
Textbook: Creating  
custom storybooks  
for academics &  
SEL**

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## **STEP 1: ACCESSING THE GEM**

**Using the Storybook Gem. Focus on Style + Narrative + Tone.**

**The Storybook feature is housed within the "Gems" menu, which acts like a specialized expert for storytelling.**

- 1. Open [gemini.google.com](https://gemini.google.com) or the Gemini mobile app.**
- 2. In the left-hand sidebar (or under the Menu icon on mobile), look for the Gems section.**
- 3. Select Storybook.**

**Tip: If you don't see it, click Explore Gems to find it in the full gallery.**

## **STEP 2: PROMPTING YOUR STORY**

You can start from scratch or use your own media as a base.

- **Option A: Text-Only Prompt:** Describe the plot, the audience, and the visual style.
  - **Example:** "Create a storybook about a cardinal that teaches how to be safe, responsible, and respectful. Use a Pixar art style and keep the language simple for kindergarten, first and second grade students."
- **Option B: Using Photos/Files:** Click the Add files (paperclip icon) to upload photos or documents.
  - **Example:** Upload a child's drawing and say, "Bring this drawing to life in a 10-page adventure story."

## **STEP 3: REVIEW AND CUSTOMIZE**

Once you hit Submit, Gemini will take 1-2 minutes to generate the text and images.

- 1. Open the Book:** A notification will appear. Tap Open to see your book in a split-screen or full-screen viewer.
- 2. Navigate:** Swipe left/right (mobile) or use the arrow keys (desktop) to flip pages.
- 3. Refine:** If you don't like a specific page, go back to the chat and say, "Change the character to a red bird page 4" or "Make the ending more exciting." Gemini will regenerate a new version.
- 4. Listen:** Click the Listen icon to hear the story read aloud. You can even change the narrator's voice in the settings.

## **STEP 4: SHARING AND SAVING**

**Once your story is perfect, you have a few ways to enjoy it!**

- 1. listen to it on the fly in your classroom as whole group or with an individual student.**
- 2. Download it and make books for a small group to enjoy.**
- 3. Download and share the digital copy with others.**
- 4. Screen record the book with audio.**

## **PRO TIPS FOR BETTER RESULTS**

**Style Keywords:** Use specific art styles for the images, such as Watercolor, Pixel Art, Vintage Sci-Fi, Crochet, Pixar, or Cyberpunk.

- **Character Consistency:** If you are building a series, ask Gemini to "save this character's description for future books" to keep the protagonist looking the same.
- **Educational Use:** Upload a complex PDF (like a schoolwide expectations) and ask Gemini to "Explain these expectations for a kindergartener, first, or second grader."

# LINKS TO MAKE YOUR BOOK INTO A GRAPHIC NOVEL

[USE NOTEBOOK LM TO MAKE YOUR BOOK INTO A GRAPHIC NOVEL](#)  
WITH ERIC CURTS\_





## **AND HOW ABOUT GEMINI CANVAS AND GOOGLE SITES!**

**Gemini Canvas –Create a prompt: ex: Use Canvas to build a simple interactive storybook web app for k-2 students about being safe, responsible, and respectful using pixar images and having a cardinal as the main character. . Include a next button to turn pages, large images for each page, and a read to me button that uses text-to-speech for the story.**

- Include that you will be sharing this on a Google Sites page as the code will be changed to accommodate use on a Google Sites page.**

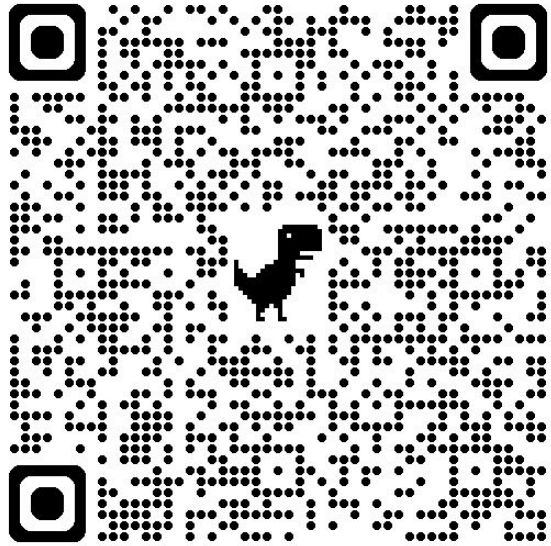
**To share a digital game you used Gemini to code, share it on your Google Site.**

## **GEMINI CANVAS AND GOOGLE SITES**

To share a digital game/book choose code at the top.

- 1. In Gemini, "select all", then "copy" the code.**
  - 2. Go to your Google Site editor via your waffle.**
  - 3. Click Insert > Embed.**
  - 4. Choose the Embed code tab.**
  - 5. Copy and paste the entire HTML code below into the box and click Next/Insert**
  - 6. Publish**
  - 7. Use the drop down to visit published site. Share that link with students.**
- Create or modify a Gem**





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