Reading with Pictures
The Graphic Novel
Understanding Comics
Topics We Will Cover -

● How is a graphic novel/comic supposed to be read?

● What is the difference between graphic novel and comic and manga?

● What should the reader do to make the experience as easy and enjoyable as possible?

● What is your favorite part or reason why people should be reading comics/graphic novels?
Who Am I?

Comic artist - Pro and Hobby
School Newspaper Comic
Webcomic - Airship Daedalus
Develope Job Aids using Comic medium
What Defines a Graphic Novel??

Graphic Novel is a combination of words and images.

Illustrated Novel is mostly words with one image.
Graphic Novel Pro’s and Con’s

There is so many debates about this.

- Not Literature
- Left nothing for the imagination
- Did not challenge students
- Easy reads
- Decline in literacy

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- Effective Learning
- Lots of imagination
- Did challenge students
- Challenges kids to read
- No Decline in literacy
The Graphic Novel Form

A Novel told in graphic form

Will Eisner Father of GN

Art Spiegelman first to win a pulitzer for his Graphic Novel Maus
The Graphic Novel Form

Collection of issues

Famous example -

When I was introduced to this, it was in 12 issues. Much later it was collected into one book.
Manga vs Comic
The Comic

6 x 9

Read from left to Right

Top to Bottom

9 panel grid

Typically all color
The Manga

5 x 7

Right to Left

Top to Bottom

Fewer panels

Typical B&W with color cover
How to Enjoy Your Comic Experience

Any way you want!
Why I Promote Comics

They are the greatest medium to convey whatever is on your mind with such complexity and with whatever budget you have!
Comics Throughout History

Wall painting
Old bible pages
Cancer stories
War manuals