

Graphic Novels: A New Literacy for the Library, Classroom and Home

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Getting Started with Graphic Novels in Schools:

- “Graphic Novels for (Really) Young Readers”, by Allyson A.W. Lyga:
www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6312463.html
- Young, Robyn. “Graphically Speaking: The Importance of Graphic Novels in a School Library Collection.” *Library Media Connection*, 25:4 (January 2007): 26-28. (Available via EBSCOhost)
- “Graphic Novels: Reading Lessons”, by Hollis Margaret Rudiger (an essential “how do we read these darn things?” article):
www.hbook.com/pdf/articles/mar06_rudiger.pdf

What Standards Are We Talking About?

- New Jerseys Core Curriculum Content Standards:
http://education.state.nj.us/cccs/?standard_matrix;c=3
- New York English Language Arts Core Curriculum:
<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/ela/elacore.htm>
- Connecticut Literacy & Language Arts Resources:
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320866>
- Pennsylvanias Academic Standards for Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening:
<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/022/chapter4/s4.83.html>
- AASLs Standards for 21st Century Learners:
<http://tinyurl.com/3qs2dh>
- NCTE/IRA Standards for the English Language Arts:
<http://www.ncte.org/standards>

Resources for Librarians & Teachers:

- National Association of Comics Arts Educators (lesson plans, study guides, handouts, and information on comics arts programs):
<http://www.teachingcomics.org>
- Read Write Think (great resource for lesson plans):
<http://www.readwritethink.org/index.asp>
- Comics in Education, by Printz Award-Winner Gene Yang (great for making the sale with skeptical colleagues & parents):
<http://www.humblecomics.com/comicsedu/>
- Comics in the Classroom: A Comic Site for Parents, Teachers, and Librarians:
<http://www.comicsintheclassroom.net>
- Diamond Bookshelf’s Collection of Sample Lesson Plans:
<http://snipurl.com/bflbe> (great selection of materials for younger & ELL students)

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Collection Development Resources:

- Graphic Novels: Resources for Teachers & Librarians (University of Buffalo):
<http://library.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/guides/graphicnovels/> -- especially useful for collection development
- YALSA's Great Graphic Novels for Teens:
<http://tinyurl.com/6qpoko>

Some Great Press on GNs in Education:

MD Comics in the Classroom:

- <http://www.publishersweekly.com/article/CA6624192.html>
- <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/recognition-partnerships/md-comic-book>
- http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2007-12-15-comicsclasses_N.htm
- <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/26/education/26comics.html>