

Media English: Language Learning Through Graphic Novels

Course Description:

Media English Language Learning Through Graphic Novels focuses on improving English language skills by using graphic novels. Since characters in graphic novels use every day spoken style English that has features like, slang, idioms, phrasal verbs, and specific cultural contexts, the class will read 2 graphic novels (provided) along with various other supplemental materials and understand how to apply these features to one's own spoken English. The class will also look at the overall genre of graphic novels and understand their unique position in literature through academic readings and discussion.

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand how to apply the spoken English used in graphic novels to their own language skills.
- Identify the differences in spoken English vs. written English.
- Identify and assess one's usage in the following areas:
 - a. slang
 - b. idioms
 - c. American cultural communication
- Explain the difference between graphic novels and comic books.

Required Materials:

- ❖ Folder / Notebook to organize class materials
- ❖ Laptop or smartphone to access online Canvas course