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## **Unit 1A: Intro to the Graphic Novel Form - (10-15 days)**

Common Core Standards and Content to Be Learned	Essential Questions	Prior Learning, Current Learning and Future Learning	Instructional Activities (I) Formative Assessments (FA) Summative Assessments (SA)
FOCUS RI.1, RI.4  REINFORCE RI.7, W.3, SL.1, SL.2, L.5  RECUR RI.10, W.10, L.6	1. What is a graphic novel? 2. What is the history of comics as we know them? 3. What is the most effective way to read comics? 4. How does the comic form use transitions to build closure? 5. How do comics engage the passing of time? 6. How do comics show emotion through art?	Prior Learning: Students have read some comics and have a basic understanding of the medium.  Current Learning: Strategies for reading comics and understanding the sequential art form including emotion, transition, expression, and color.  Future Learning: Direct application of the abovementioned skills through reading comics on the list.,	<ul> <li>PowerPoint lecture on the history of comics (I)</li> <li>Class reading and assignment of chapters in Understanding Comics by Scott McCloud (I)</li> <li>Quizzes on chapters (FA)</li> <li>Complete a Comic activity (I, FA)</li> <li>Complete an emotional art activity (I, FA)</li> <li>Final assessment (written test) on concepts covered in the book (SA)</li> </ul>

- PowerPoint presentation on the history of comics
- Understanding Comics by Scott McCloud
- Comic strip, emotion, and color templates
- Quizzes for certain chapters
- Google Classroom page

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## Unit\_Ms. Marvel\_ - (5-7 days)

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FOCUS RL.1, RL.2, RL.3, RL.6, W.3  REINFORCE RL.4, W.2, Sl.1, SL.3, L.1  RECUR RL.10, W.10, SL.6, L.5, L.6	1. How does the text represent muslim and Pakistani culture? 2. What other challenges does Kamala face in her journey? 3. How does this book represent a hero's journey?	Prior Learning: Students have had exposure to the study and analysis of the graphic novel form through previous lessons.  Current Learning: Students will be exposed to information about Pakistani culture. Students will trace the plot of the story including major conflicts, character interactions, and resolution.	<ul> <li>Introduction to the Pakistani and muslim culture through videos and research (I)</li> <li>Silent reading of the text followed by discussion of the structure and presentation of the narrative. (FA)</li> <li>TED Talk by Sana Amanat (I)</li> <li>Worksheet comparing Conrad's Hero's Journey to Kamala (FA)</li> <li>Final Project - create a cultural hero comic (SA)</li> </ul>
		Future Learning: Students will move on to other texts with similar themes and compare them to this text.	

- Copies of Ms. Marvel Volume 1: No Normal
- Videos and readings on Pakistani and Muslim culture
- Handouts and assignments

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# Unit \_American Born Chinese\_ - (5-8 days)

Common Core Standards and Content to Be Learned	Essential Questions	Prior Learning, Current Learning and Future Learning	Instructional Activities (I) Formative Assessments (FA) Summative Assessments (SA)
FOCUS RL.5, RL.6, W.3, SL.4, L.5	1. How does the book represent cultural stereotypes and is it done appropriately?	Prior Learning: Students have had the opportunity to sample cultural representation in the previous text.	<ul> <li>Identity comic (I)</li> <li>Character Carousel (i)</li> <li>Quizzes on text (FA)</li> <li>Personal family history minicomic (SA)</li> </ul>
REINFORCE RL.2, RL.7, W.1, W.9, SI.1, SL.4, RECUR W.10, SL.5, SL.6, L.6	2. What is personal identity and how does the novel explore this concept with the characters of Jin and Danny?	Students have had exposure to the study and analysis of the graphic novel form through previous lessons.  Current Learning:	
	3. What is your own cultural identity and upon what is it based in terms of your own expereinces?	Students will learn about Chinese history (the Monkey King, religious history, cultural history).  Students will get initial lessons on stereotypes with a focus on racial insensitivity and how parody can be used to combat it.  Students will explore their own family histories including cultural, religious, and social expectations.	
		Future Learning:  Students will get further lessons on archetypes and personal identity.	

- Copies of American Born Chinese
- Videos of Interviews with author and artist Gene Yang
- Quizzes
- Large post-it paper
- Final assessment handouts

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# Unit \_I Kill Giants\_\_\_\_ - (10 days)

FOCUS: RL.3, RL.5, SL.2, RL.7  REINFORCED: RL.1, RL.6, W.3, W.7, SL.5  RECUR: RL.10,W.10, SL.6, L.6  Prior Learning:  Students have had exposure to the study and analysis of the graphic novel form through previous lessons.  Students have learned how to examine character's demons and how are they manifested in the text?  4. What are your anxieties and fears and how would you characterie them if they manifested physically?  A. What are your anxieties and fears and how would you characterie them if they manifested physically?  Students will explore magical realism as a concept and how they have managed to overcome them.  Students will explore the challenges in their own lives and how they have managed to overcome them.  Students will watch a film adaptation of the text and explore the differences in the story.  Future Learning:  Students made exposure to the study and analysis of the graphic novel form through previous lessons.  Students have learned how to examine characters and explore specific qualities through the text and explore the challenges in their own lives and how they have managed to overcome them.	Common Core Standards and Content to Be Learned	Essential Questions	Prior Learning, Current Learning and Future Learning	Instructional Activities (I) Formative Assessments (FA) Summative Assessments (SA)
Students will be introduced to more	REINFORCED: RL.1, RL.6, W.3, W.7, SL.5	realism" and how is it employed in the text?  2. How does the artist use visual imagery in order to enact symbolism in the text?  3. What are the main character's demons and how are they manifested in the text?  4. What are your anxieties and fears and how would you characterize them if they	Students have had exposure to the study and analysis of the graphic novel form through previous lessons.  Students have learned how to examine characters and explore specific qualities through textual analysis.  Current Learning:  Students will explore magical realism as a concept and within the novel.  Students will talk about grief and anxiety and how it can manifest and look to the novel to see how it is handled there.  Students will explore the challenges in their own lives and how they have managed to overcome them.  Students will watch a film adaptation of the text and explore the differences in the story.  Future Learning:	<ul> <li>Q&amp;A with author Joe Kelly (I)</li> <li>Panel Analysis: Magical Realism (FA)</li> <li>Design Your Own Giant and Hammer Project (SA)</li> </ul>

	magical realism in future texts.	
	Students will explore additional examples of adversity in the next book.	

- Copies of I Kill Giants
- DVD of motion picture adaptation
- Handouts
- Contact information of author Joe Kelly
- Final assessment handouts

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# Unit \_A.D. New Orleans After The Deluge\_ - (5 days)

Common Core Standards and Content to Be Learned	Essential Questions	Prior Learning, Current Learning and Future Learning	Instructional Activities (I) Formative Assessments (FA) Summative Assessments (SA)
FOCUS: RI.1, RI.5, W.3, SL.2  REINFORCED:RI.2, RI.5, W.4, W.5, W.7, SL.4, L.1,  RECURRING: RI.3, Ri.4, RI.10, W.10, L.2, L.3, L.6	1. How does nonfiction storytelling in the graphic novel medium differ from the fiction texts we have read up to this point?  2. How can we effectively interview a subject in order to tell their story graphically?  3. What happened during Hurricane Katrina and what is the long term impact on the region and its residents?	Prior Learning:  Students have had exposure to the study and analysis of the graphic novel form through previous lessons.  Students have learned how to examine characters and explore specific qualities through textual analysis.  Students have learned about personal adversity.  Current Learning:  Students will explore the memoir form and how it manifests as a graphic novel.  Students will learn about Hurricane Katrina and how it impacted our country.  Students will learn how to conduct an interview and write/draw a graphic memoir that is someone else's story.  Future Learning:  Students will learn more about the memoir form and why it is important to be able to identify with other people's' struggles.	<ul> <li>Viewing videos of the Katrina disaster and exploring the history behind the novel (i)</li> <li>Reading A.D. New Orleans and reporting on specific characters(FA)</li> <li>How to effectively interview activities (FA)</li> <li>Interview memoir (SA)</li> </ul>

	Students will engage other storytelling styles in future units.	

- Copies of A.D. New Orleans
- Handouts
- Videos on YouTube of analysis and history of Katrina and its aftermath
- Final assessment handouts

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Unit \_Lumberjanes\_ - (\_ days/\_\_ blocks)

Common Core Standards and Content to Be Learned	Essential Questions	Prior Learning, Current Learning and Future Learning	Instructional Activities (I) Formative Assessments (FA) Summative Assessments (SA)
	1. What is feminist	Prior Learning:	
FOCUS:RL.1, RL.6, W.2, SL.1, SL.4	criticism and how can it be applied to literature?	Students have had exposure to the study	<ul> <li>Introductions to both feminist and archetypal criticism (I)</li> </ul>
REINFORCED: RL.2, R.4, W.5, W.8, SL.5, L.4	2. How are women	and analysis of the graphic novel form through previous lessons.	<ul> <li>Powerful Women group handout (I)</li> <li>Powerful Women individual handout</li> </ul>
RECURRING: RL.5, RL.10, W.10, SL.6, L.6	represented in the text?  3. What makes a	Students have learned how to examine characters and explore specific qualities	(FA)  • Archetype guessing game (I)
	"powerful woman" and what purpose does	through textual analysis.	<ul> <li>Archetype Project (SA)</li> </ul>
	categorizing them serve?	Students have learned about personal adversity.	
	4. What are archetypes		
	and how do characters from the text fit into	Current Learning:	
	these categories?	Students will learn about accomplished	
		women as a stepping stone to	
		understanding feminist criticism.	
		Students will be exposed to archetypal	
		criticism and apply it to the text.	
		Future Learning:	
		In subsequent units, students will apply the	
		new tenets of literary criticism to other texts.	
		Students will explore more moralistic and ethical issues in future units.	

- Copies of *Lumberjanes*
- Archetype Presentation
- Videos explaining feminist criticism
- Handouts
- Final assessment handouts

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# Unit \_Upgrade Soul\_ - (10 days)

Common Core Standards and Content to Be Learned	Essential Questions	Prior Learning, Current Learning and Future Learning	Instructional Activities (I) Formative Assessments (FA) Summative Assessments (SA)
FOCUS: RL.2, W.1  REINFORCE:RL.3, RL.5, Rl.6, Sl.1, SL.4	What is science fiction and how does the genre look when translated to the graphic novel	Prior Learning:  Students have had exposure to the study and analysis of the graphic novel form	<ul> <li>Class brainstorm of science fiction tenets (I)</li> <li>Group reading of the text (I)</li> </ul>
RECUR: RL.10, W.10, SL.6, L.6	medium?  2. What are the moral implications of medically created immortality?	through previous lessons.  Students have learned how to examine characters and explore specific qualities through textual analysis.	<ul> <li>Reading retention quizzes (SA)</li> <li>Discussion of socio-political criticism (I)</li> <li>Upgrade Soul Moral and Cultural Paper/Project (SA)</li> </ul>
	3. What are the sociopolitical implications of medical science eliminating	Students have learned about personal adversity.  Current Learning:	
	death?  4. What physical attributes would you change about yourself if	Students will learn about science fiction and how it reflects society of the time.  Students will learn about identity and how	
	5. How tied to our physical body is our identity?	it connects to the physical self.  Students will consider the sociopolitical impact of immortality.	
		Future Learning:  Students will take what they have learned up to this point and apply it to a text of their choice for the final exam.	

- Copies of *Upgrade Soul*
- Science Fiction Presentation
- Handouts
- Final assessment handouts

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## Unit \_SSR Final\_\_ - (5 days)

Common Core Standards and Content to Be Learned	Essential Questions	Prior Learning, Current Learning and Future Learning	Instructional Activities (I) Formative Assessments (FA) Summative Assessments (SA)
FOCUS: RL.1, W.1, SL.2, SL.4  REINFORCE: RL.2, RL.3, RL.5, RL.6, W.4, W.9, SL.1	1. How can you apply the information learned in this course to a text of your choosing?	Prior Learning: Students have had exposure to the study and analysis of the graphic novel form through previous lessons.	<ul> <li>Students will read a text of their choice</li> <li>(I)</li> <li>Final Exam Presentation (SA)</li> </ul>
RECUR: RL.10, W.10, SL.6, L.6		Students have learned how to examine characters and explore specific qualities through textual analysis.	
		Students have learned about personal adversity, immortality, morality, and identity.	
		Students have learned about feminist, archetypal, and sociopolitical criticism.	
		Current Learning:  Future Learning:	

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- Graphic novel of students' choice
- Final assessment document
- Computer (Prezi, PowerPoint, Slides)
- Digital camera or phone (for page photos)