Books to Treasure 2023 Lesson Starter

- What is a Graphic Novel?
- Books (Just some examples of popular graphic novels for this age group—add more!)

• In a Nutshell

This lesson could fit into a unit about genre and format. It introduces them to the different aspects of a graphic novel: panels, gutters, illustrations, speech bubbles, thought bubbles. It also provides different examples of popular graphic novels for early elementary school and even has them create a few of their own panels. This lesson can go really well when talking about story elements and figurative language such as plot, character, onomatopoeia, theme, etc. I have also provided some additional resources to help when explaining the benefits of graphic novels!

• Do This
  1. Show students examples of graphic novels by doing a mini book tasting or just showing pages on the projector or during a circle time-like activity. Use Narwhal’s School of Awesomeness and some of the other book examples I listed.
     a. Attached is a resource to find graphic novels for elementary grades from ALSC.
  2. Go over vocabulary and have students match the parts of a graphic novel.
  3. Practice using Words for Action and Illustrations as Words.
     a. You could go over the example together, create one whole group, and have students create their own.
  4. Have students brainstorm their own story using Map it Out!
     a. If time permits, have students create a couple of panels using their story!

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5. Possible extensions:
   a. Each student writes a graphic novel that you can copy and staple to send home or keep the novels in your classroom library!
   b. Host a book tasting event using different graphic novels. [Here is an example](#) from a middle grades book tasting that you could adapt for elementary!

- **Use This**
  
  [Resource for the benefits of graphic novels through discussion of Bone](#)
  
  [ALSC’s graphic novels lists](#)
  
  Graphic Novels Printable