

Virtual Hooked on Books Graphic Novel Scenes



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It seems like graphic novels might be easier to create than chapter books. But are they?

Graphic novels try to show the emotions of characters through the illustrations. The words used tend to be the words characters are saying out load. A graphic novel relies on BOTH the words and the images to tell the story. A graphic novel without any words wouldn't work so well. A graphic novel without the pictures wouldn't work so well either.

Activity: Pick a dramatic scene from a book you know and see if you can turn just that one scene into a section from a graphic novel.

Here are some suggested scenes:

Scene #1: Harry Potter meeting the Weasley family at the train station and them telling him how to get to Platform 9 3/4's and then Harry getting through and seeing the Hogwarts Express for the first time in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Scene #2: The big storm that breaks up the outdoor party in *Because of Winn-Dixie*, and then Opal realizing Winn-Dixie is missing and going back out into the storm to look for him.

Scene #3: The scene from *Restart* where Aaron and Bear tackle Chase after football practice and he accuses them of stealing Mr. Solway's medal, only to learn that he stole it himself.

Scene #4: The scene from *The One and Only Ivan* where Ivan goes into the enclosure at the zoo with the other gorillas for the first time.

Scene #5: The scene from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* where Lucy goes through the wardrobe for the first time and it is winter and then she meets Mr. Tumnus.

Scene #6: The school scene from *Anne of Green Gables* where Gilbert Blythe teases Anne about her hair by calling her "carrots" and she hits him on the head with her school slate.

Scene #7: The scene from *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* where Percy is running to reach the safety of Camp Half-Blood while being chased by the Minotaur, who captures Percy's mother but then she disappears in a shower of golden light.

Or you can choose a favourite scene from a different book. Try to pick something dramatic!

Use the templates on the following pages to illustrate your scene. Write in the dialogue as well.

































