

GETTING TO KNOW COMICS

Purpose

Keep track of some of the key elements of graphic biographies as you read “[How to Read Comics](#),” and develop your skill for interpreting them.

Process

1. Before you begin reading “How to Read Comics,” respond to this question: How do you think reading a comic about history compares to reading a textbook?

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2. **OBSERVE AND UNDERSTAND:** As you read, keep track of the following:

Comic feature	Why it’s important/How it can help you understand the comic
Panels	
Gutters	
Balloons	

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Comic feature	Why it's important/How it can help you understand the comic
Color	
Sequence	
Perspective	
Art and text together	

3. **CONNECT:** What are some examples of *evidence* about the past that the creators of the Otilie Baader comic provide?

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4. What is the most important lesson you learned about reading historical comics? If you can, discuss your answer with a partner.