

Elementary Graphic Novels List

Graphic Novels may seem to be a new things that students are wanting to read, but in fact, graphic novels have been around for a long time. Reading Graphic Novels IS reading. Students are attracted to the pictures, which are able to help our visual learners. Reading a graphic novel encourages students to understand text that uses images and printed text to receive information.

Public and school librarians from the Children's Round Table (CRT) from Texas Library Association have developed the Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List for use by students in grades K-5. The goal and purpose of the list is to allow student to recreationally read a variety of graphic novels that are current, the list has a variety of gender appeal, interest, subject, difficulty, and genre.

The books listed are a select few chosen from the Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List 2018.

Arnold, T., Hamilton, M., & Weiss, M. (2017). *Noodleheads see the future*. New York: Holiday House.

About: Follow Mac & Mac as they work towards making their mom happy so that she can bake them a cake. Their antics take them from avoiding the work altogether by gathering firewood, they learn a couple of lessons along the way, but still manage to make mom happy.

For: many of the panels could be used for idioms lessons, funny read aloud, independent read, could be used for comparing stories to the traditional "noodlehead" folktale.

Burks, J. (2017). *Bird & Squirrel on fire*. New York, NY: Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic.

About: Bird & Squirrel are back in their forest after their adventures around the world. Squirrel is trying to prep his house after being gone for so long, beavers are causing trouble, and the other forest animals are fearful of the unknown, Bird wants nothing to do with it & just wants to have fun.

For: independent read, 2nd grade reading level.

Brockington, D. (2017). *CatStronauts : Mission moon*. New York: Little, Brown and.

About: It's a world populated and ran by cats, it's morning time is here and the President of the United States is trying to catch up on reading a newspaper article about an energy crisis as the lights start flickering. He sets out to work with the World's Best Scientist to form a feline team to build a solar power plant on the moon. The team has to work through problems and has to work together to complete their mission.

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For: read aloud, independent read, 3rd grade reading level, has some discussion of sustainable energy & logistics of launching into space, text-to-text comparison of other books on challenges of space exploration.

Clanton, B. (2016). *Narwhal : Unicorn of the sea*. [Toronto, Ont.]: Tundra Books.

About: Narwhal is swimming in waters he's never been in before and quickly becomes friends with Jellyfish. Narwhal is carefree and his mentality & way of life starts to rub off on Jellyfish.

For: Great to use when teaching "reading with expression.", independent read, adaptable for reader's theatre, 2nd grade reading level.

Doerrfeld, C., & Page, T. (2016). *Cici : A fairy's tale. #2, Truth in sight*. Minneapolis, MN: Graphic Universe.

About: Cici is still trying to wrap her head around the changes that have occurred in her life on her 10th birthday, her parents have divorced and she just found out that she is also a fairy like her grandmother. Cici must learn that though she has fairy powers, she still has to work at seeing the best in people.

For: Great for pre-teens to read when trying to fit in, making new friends or dealing with divorced parents.

Eaton, M. (2017). *I'm awake!* New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

About: Early to rise young hamster has been up since for a while when he finally decides to wake up dad. He is so proud of himself for being awake before the newspaper is delivered, and even tried to make pancakes before he ran out of paper towels. Hamster starts doing impersonations of the cats he saw downstairs (they don't own a cat) & of his dad.

For: read aloud, independent read, could be used to teach a lesson on what NOT to do if you're awake before parents are.

Holm, J. L., Holm, M., Krosoczka, J., O'Connor, G., & Jamieson, V. (2017). *Comics squad. Detention!* New York: Random House.

About: Different authors who have created our favorite graphic novels come together to write stories in which DETENTION is a problem. From student avoiding detention by being a kindergartener's helper during lunch, to a student trying to get detention, to stampeding bulls, any reader will be able to find a story in the collection they will enjoy.

For: 2nd grade reading level, independent read, read aloud as a paired read, great for those who already read graphic novels as a way to see their favorite characters in a different story.

Pilkey, D., Beard, G., & Hutchins, H. (2017). *Dog Man unleashed*. New York, NY: Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic.

About: Dog Man is back and is ready to continue chasing criminals, this time he has to deal with the world's fiercest feline felon, Petey the cat. Dog Man's goal is to close the case and catch Petey, Petey's alter ego, and the mysterious pet store robber, can he stop them?

For: independent read, could be a paired read to check for comprehension, 2nd grade reading level.

Reynolds, A., & McAndrew, P. (2016). *Caveboy Dave : More scrawny than brawny*. New York, N.Y.: Viking.

About: Caveboy Dave Unga-Bunga is now 12 years old, the rite of passage is that he has to go into the forests in search of a beast for the village to feast on. He would rather just invent something that will be beneficial for his caveman community like his ancestors did. Maybe Dave can invent something to keep them safe from all the animals they are trying to hunt.

For: independent read, read aloud for a small group as some things may have to be explained, mid 2nd grade reading level.

Siegel, M., Siegel, A., Boume, X., Sun, B., & Rockefeller, M. (2017). *5 worlds. Book 1, The sand warrior*. New York: Random House.

About: Oona Lee, An Tzu, & Jax Amboy are 3 students with very distinct and different backgrounds, but they are forced to become a team to help save The Five Worlds from extinction. This journey allows them to discover things about themselves they had no idea was possible.

For: 3rd grade reading level, independent read, lesson on working together for the common good of the world(s), the characters deal with some issues on unity, diversity, and even empathy.