“Comics are the gateway drug to literacy”, according to author Art Spiegelman. Therefore, we will read comics and graphic novels as the source material for our discussions and essays. We will analyze the images and words in comics to discuss the audience, purpose, arrangement, and style of these texts. Since, this course is part of the popular culture learning network, we will use comics to think about the definition of popular culture compared to “high culture” or classic literature, and we will consider the usefulness of comics in the classroom.

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