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POP REEL 4: PIN UP-POETRY, GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COSPLAY

Andrea Grant from Canada lives in New York and calls herself the Pin-up Poet. She is also the author of the graphic novel Minx where the story is set around her Native American roots and mythology.

Abhijeet Kini is a creative professional specializing in illustration, graphic designs, animation and copywriting in Mumbai, India. His character Angry Maushi is “the angry aunt”, saving the city of Mumbai by blasting away the evil minister and others with her guns.

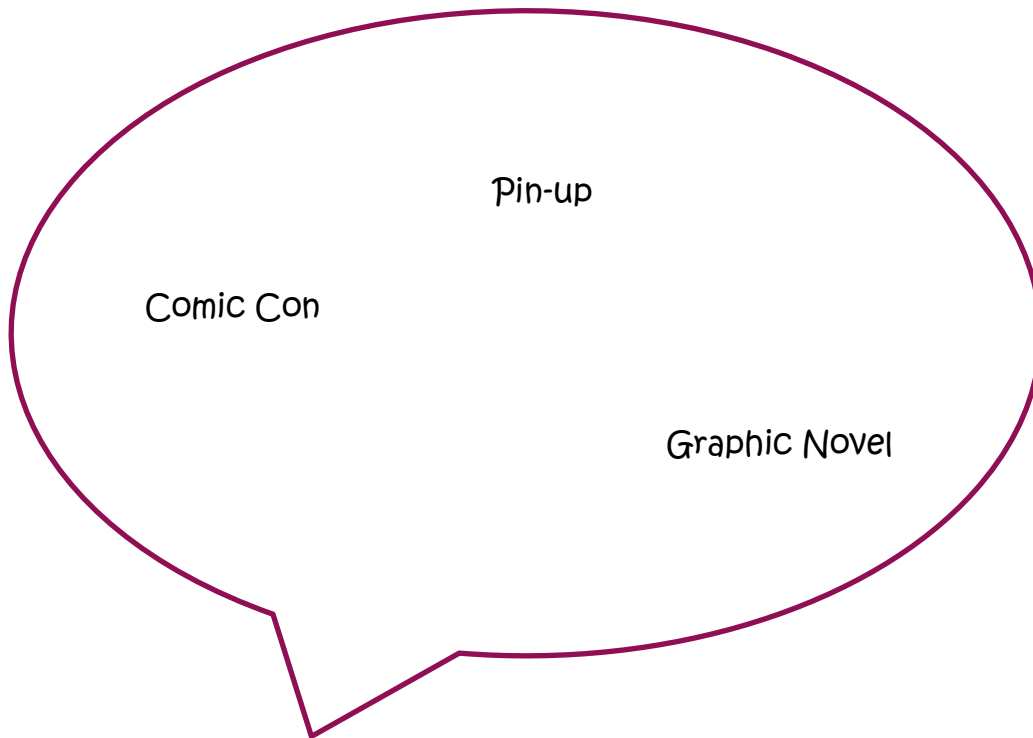
At ComicCon in India you can dress up like your comic hero and become someone else for a while. Costume Drama or Cosplay is very popular and every winter there is a costume challenge for the comic fans in India.

David Lloyd from Brighton, England, is a British comic book artist best known as the illustrator of the story V for Vendetta, written by Alan Moore.



A. LISTEN AND WRITE

Below you will find expressions used in the program. In what context are they used and what do they mean, do you think? Try to figure it out while watching the program, then discuss with a friend to see if you got it right.



B DISCUSS IN CLASS

- What do you think is the thought of ComicCon and Cosplay? If you would dress up like a comic book character, which would it be? Why? What comic character is your favourite? Why?
- In this episode, we have met many graphic novel artists. Do you read graphic novels? Which ones? If you would write a graphic novel, what would it be about? What do you think are the main differences between a book and a graphic novel? What could be the advantages/disadvantages of the two different forms?
- Would you like to be an artist? Why/why not? What art form would you choose to work with if you were an artist? Why? What do you think is important to express in art?





C RESEARCH THE WORD/EXPRESSION

What do these words/expressions mean? Try to see if you can find them on the internet.

❖ Recession: _____

❖ Cabbage: _____

❖ Cindy Sherman: _____

❖ Hyper reality: _____

❖ Native American: _____

❖ Corruption: _____

❖ Bribe: _____

❖ Ability: _____

❖ Raven: _____

❖ Community: _____

D EXTRA MATERIAL

- Pretend you're going to cosplay. Design your own costume and show it to your classmates. Explain why you chose this particular hero and tell them what your comic hero is like.

- Work in pairs and make up your own graphic novel. Before you start writing and drawing, you need to plan your work. Ask yourself:
 - Who is the hero?
 - What is the hero like?
 - What struggles is the hero up against?
 - Where does the story take place?
 - When does it take place?
 - What are the hero's weaknesses and strengths?
 - What happens?
 - How does it end?

- When you have prepared your outlines, read them to each other in groups of four. Give each other feedback using the checklist below:
 - How is the plot? Are things happening in a logical order or should the events switch places? Do we want to know what happens in the end or does the writer give away too much information too early on in the story? Is there anything that doesn't belong and that could be cut out of the story?
 - Can the characters be developed further? How?
 - Is the setting convincing or does it need to be developed? Are there details to create the right atmosphere?

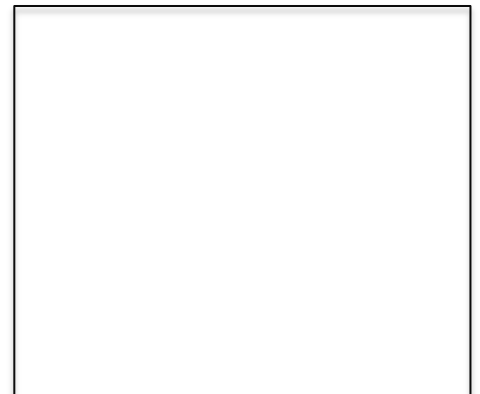
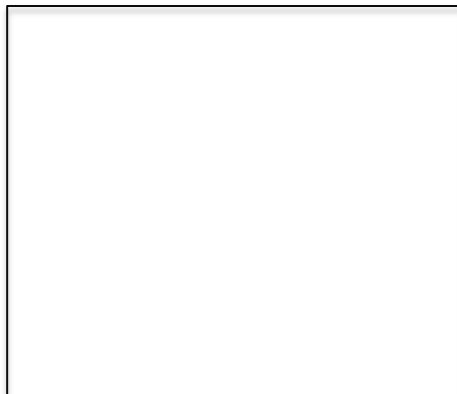
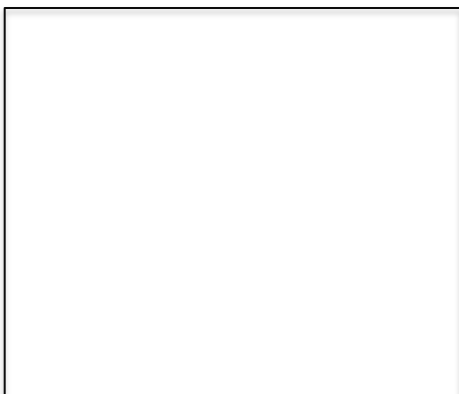
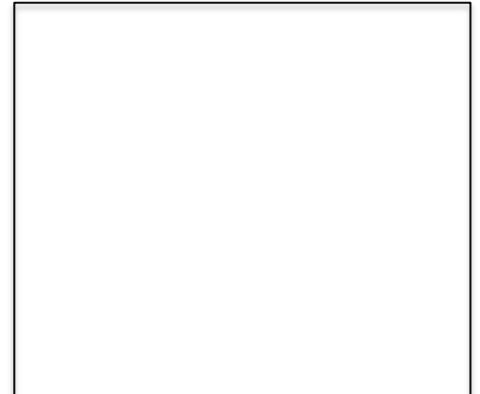
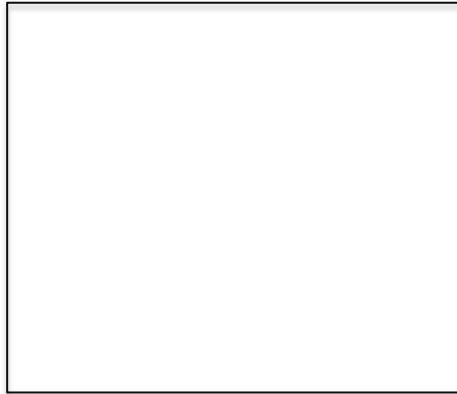
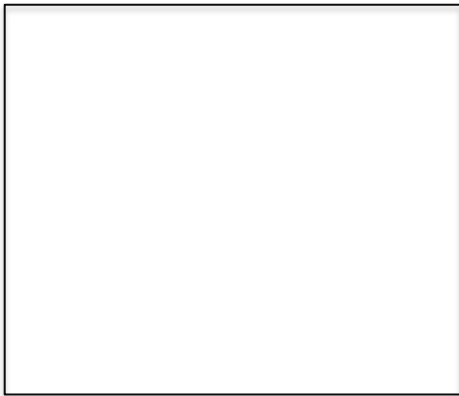
- Now it is time to write your story. To illustrate it you may either draw your own pictures or use pictures that you find on the Internet or in magazines. If you prefer, one of you could illustrate and the other one could write.

When you have finished your novel, present it to a larger group or prepare an exhibition!



DRAW YOUR OWN COMIC STRIP

Use the boxes below and invent your own comic strip. You choose how many boxes you want to use!





E RADIO POPREEL LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen to Radio Popreel and answer the questions.

1. In what way has moving to New York been positive for Andrea Grant?
 - a) It boosted her career as a graphic novel writer.
 - b) She started to produce video games.
 - c) It has been easy to become successful in New York.

2. What is the poem Dead Girls about?
 - a) It is about young women who wear make-up.
 - b) It is about girls who have been kidnapped.
 - c) It is about poisoned food.

3. What is Comic Con India?
 - a) It is a festival in New Delhi.
 - b) It is a huge shopping mall in New Delhi.
 - c) It is a pop culture convention.

4. Why did Jatin Varma decide to start the Comic Con in New Delhi?
 - a) Because it was too expensive to travel to abroad.
 - b) Because there has always been a great demand for comic books in India.
 - c) Because comics are main stream in Indian pop culture.

5. What is David Lloyd saying about sound effects in V for Vendetta?
 - a) V for Vendetta is created for people who love sound effects in comics.
 - b) V for Vendetta is different from other comics since there are no sound effects.
 - c) V for Vendetta is really a script for a film with the same name.

6. What are David Lloyd's best suggestions to budding comic book writers?
 - a) To study cinema and draw everything you see.
 - b) To always bring a pen and a notepad when you go out.
 - c) To draw only the things that you like drawing.

7. What is cosplay?
 - a) Cosplay is when you play video games that are based on comics.
 - b) Cosplay is when you dress up as a comic book character.
 - c) Cosplay is a theatre where they act out comic book stories.



Key to listening comprehension:

1) a

2) b

3) c

4) a

5) b

6) a

7) b