

Weekly Dose Formatting Graphic Novels

How should a Graphic Novel be formatted correctly? Great question!

Graphic Novels

RULE Graphic novels use comic book style art and dialogue. They are treated as a multi-frame cartoon, with each print page beginning with Frame 1.

- Narrative boxes use 1-3 margins.
- If the narrative box appears within a frame, insert the text from the narrative into that frame. If the narrative box is outside one of the frames, treat it as a separate frame and follow the guidelines for formatting frames.

Multi-Frame Cartoon. A cartoon may have a series of frames. Enclose each frame number in transcriber's note indicators using 7-5 margins.

- 1-3 margins
- When the dialogue is continued in another frame, repeat the character's name, followed by two spaces.
- When a character is not identified, an identifying trait is used as the character name, e.g., Boy 1, Boy 2, Man with Hat, etc.
- Give dialogue from an unknown character an identifier, such as "Narrator" or "Unseen Character."
- Look at the entire cartoon, graphic novel, etc., before writing the description.

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