



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

General:

- What story is the piece is telling? Is there anything that confuses you?
- What do you notice first? Why?
- What do these panels tell us about the form of the graphic narrative?
- How do these panels fit into or deviate from the shape of the graphic narrative?
- How do these panels tell a story? How does the artwork amplify the power of the story?

Structure:

- How is the page organized? What is the panel order? How does the panel order shape the narrative?
- Are the panels and borders uniform? How do the choices shape meaning?
- What transitions does the cartoonist use?
- Why do you think the creator tells the story in this way? What keeps you interested in reading?

Text:

- Is there dialogue? How does the comic express emotion?
- What is the style of lettering? How does the cartoonist depict sound?

Characterization:

- What is the point of view? Does it change? If so, how does this impact meaning?
- How are characters depicted? What does this imply about the characters?
- How does the character show emotion?

Color:

- Is the story told in black and white or color?
- What is the color palette? How does color depict the mood and tone?

Style:

- Is the art realistic or abstract?
- What does the background show? Is it detailed? Plain?
- How does the cartoonist depict motion?

Symbolism:

- What symbols/icons are included in the comic? What do they mean in relation to the story?