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Top Ten Reasons to use Graphic Novels/Comics/Manga with ESL students:

1. **It's VISUAL...** Facilitates and supports visualization of complicated text and content
2. **It's RELEVANT...** Allows the reluctant or emergent reader to emotionally connect with the text
3. **It's MANAGEABLE...** Reduces the overall text load, decreasing student anxiety and lowering students' affective filter
4. **It's RIGOROUS...** Allows you to teach to the standards without sacrificing rigor
5. **It's ENGAGING...** Capitalizes on the success and engagement of the format and its popularity with students
6. **It's POSITIVE...** Increases student motivation and desire while promoting positive associations with reading
7. **It's 21st CENTURY...** Promotes the development of 21st Century Literacy skills
8. **It's COMMUNICATIVE...** Also serves as a format for student language production (student authored comics and graphic summaries)
9. **It's BRAIN-BASED...** Accesses one of the ways the brain learns best, through visual processing (60,000x faster than text)
10. **It's CROSS-CURRICULAR...** Offers opportunities to teach content across the curriculum (history, social science, etc.)

GRAPHIC NOVELS WORK!
(Just think... JAPAN)