

They're Just Comics, They Don't Teach Anything.



HEY!

There are a lot of people who think comic books aren't a great way to learn to read. *Hello?* We think differently. For example, people think that comic books are simple and that the pictures don't invite children to develop their imagination. We're going to show you a way to think about comics that proves these people wrong. Here's the example that Scott McCloud gives us. Think of a trapeze artist. What happens between the time they let go of one bar and grab for another?

There is a moment of hanging in space, right? Well, that's like what happens between the time one frame ends and another one begins. Your sparky brain has to fill in the information. Look at the examples below.



See what we mean? There's no goofing off when you read comics. It's hard work. How can it be hard work when it's so fun? Can you think of three other ways that comics help kids learn?

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