

Five universal themes

The five universal themes in each Impact Graphic Novels series connect to literature commonly taught in high school. The teacher's guides offer suggested titles from core reading curriculum and examples of how to make the thematic connection.

5 Themes	5 Literary Response Skills	5 Comprehension Skills
Perseverance	Analyze Character	Determining Importance
Respect	Analyze Plot	Comparing and Contrasting
Integrity	Analyze Setting	Finding Cause and Effect
Courage	Foreshadowing	Making Inferences
Responsibility	Analyze Irony	Identifying theme

"The graphic novel is being recognized for its contribution to the development of both visual and verbal literacy...to fully grasp the meaning of the story."

Michelle Gorman,

Getting Graphic! Using Graphic Novels to Promote Literacy with Preteens and Teens

Themes connect to literature

1. Perseverance

- *The Odyssey*, Homer
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, Betty Smith

2. Respect

- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
- *The War Between the Classes*, Gloria Milowitz

3. Integrity

- *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Lord of the Deep*, Graham Salisbury

4. Responsibility

- *The Grapes of Wrath*, John Steinbeck
- *Driver's Ed*, Caroline B. Cooney

5. Courage

- *The Sun Also Rises*, Ernest Hemingway
- *Downriver*, Will Hobbs