

Unit 3: Week 6

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Tom gave a very detailed and comprehensive presentation on comics and digital comics with many great references both theoretical and practical.

We explored some of his questions by looking at some of his references which raised our own bias and assumptions of what comics are, to who and why.

I was surprised at the digital platforms for comics and how modern comics are rated and catalogued in a Netflix style raising many questions of diversity, publics and systems.

I enjoyed his pre reading / pre activity where we had to think through creating our own comic strip through a memory with a focus on details that comic books explore, that I hadn't thought of before. Such as sound, smell, words as noises.

I particularly loved the use of margins in traditional comic books as being space for the reader to link and create the story inbetween the frames. The reader is an active participant in creating the story.

This is a really interesting provocation for magazine design and how I think about the margins and spaces between the columns and their purpose. It challenges me to think of them as a more conceptual space rather than a purely physical space with a designed intention through layout.

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This workshop was great for me in relation to printed matter. The definition of comics was similar to mine for magazines which made me question that further.

Tom's exploration of defining what a digital comic is had relevance to my own investigation as I explore what a magazine is and what a digital magazine is. I could definitely see similarities of where boundaries get blurred and how to define them is challenging.

The immense amount of research and references Tom had were phenomenal and it was helpful to see how he approached the interrogation for my own project.

He didn't find answers just interrogated lots of questions that made it all more complicated. This was reassuring and helpful to see with regards to my own project where the more I ask the more confusing and complex it gets which sometimes makes me exhausted!



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