

My Visual Story: Comics and Personal Storytelling

Your Comic Book Project: Guidelines



- a. For this mini comic book assignment, you will be working on developing a mini comic that tells a personal and cultural story. The basic requirements are outlined below. Note that this mini comic does not need to be a fully realized comic book (the requirement is at least 3 pages). **The MOST important requirement for this project is to have fun! We will not be assessing your mini comic book on artistic "ability" so please feel free to experiment with your artistic side knowing that we are after: 1) How well you articulate this all back to the FIG course content, and 2) How creative and thoughtful you are in the process.**
- b. **Due: Friday, November 22nd (Week 8)**
- c. To complete this mini comic project, you will need the following:
- Pick a social issue that you feel passionate about and want to create an activist narrative about for your comic book. For example:
 - Racism and racial injustice
 - Sexism, violence against women
 - Climate change
 - Inequalities for other groups of people
 - Other? (Has to be a larger social issue, **not** something like parking meters need to be less expensive, it must be something much more important to our lives.)
 - Be at least three pages long.
 - Be in comic book format (remember that not all comic books and graphic novels follow the same exact formatting, but we will expect you to at least use panels and comic book lettering).
 - Be in a format that we can easily post online for the showcase at the end of the term. **Remember leave space around the outside margins so your content is not cut off when printing and scanning or making into a PDF!**
 - A visual narrative/approach. You should not rely on text to tell your story. The visual storytelling is the most important part.
 - At the end of the term, we will be printing out copies for everyone in the class, as well as presenting in a showcase to the campus community. We will also consider electronically posting your finished version to the FIG blog site. We will share information about how we will be doing this later in the term.
- d. The mini comic:
- Can be hand drawn or digitally created.
 - Can use individual drawings, digitally rendered graphics, or even photographs.
- e. Questions or concerns? Talk with us, for we can negotiate other visual options and think about ways in which you can fully express yourself creatively!



Make Your Own Comic Book Page

