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I . Introduction

Nowadays, comics are more and more popular than before. It becomes one of our main recreational activities and has important influence on our modern society. When we looked back to the comic fair this year, there were about 100,000 of people inside the venue. Each place was full of people, and most of them were students. No wonder whenever the comic fair comes, students are excited about that.

“Whimsical pictures comic”, called in Japanese term, popularly refers to printed comics originating in Japan. This differs from anime, which refers specifically to Japanese animation. A simplified comparison between comic and anime would equate to the difference between comics and cartoons in Western society. However, there is more to comic than this definition alone. In recent decades, Japanese comics, printed comics, has grown to include series and subject matter for readers of all ages and interests. In its home market, comic enjoys greater readership and higher regard than comic books and graphic novels in Western society.

Some comics correlate with society, history or even great men. For example, The Life of Einstein 、 Secret of The Universe 、 Wonderful Animal 、 The History of China 、 Sight-seeing Resorts of Various Countries and so on. In order to let people know more, artiste use comics to introduce their stories. During the past 20 to 30 years, comics have become more and more popular. Its annual fair even attracts much more young people than any other exhibition.

Comics make our life have more fun. .When you are unhappy, reading comics is a

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good way to make you cast aside was unhappiness. Reading comics is much easier than reading novels because pictures are easier to read than words.

Although comics are popular than before, more and more arguments appear. For instance, some comics are so whimsical and ridiculous that some parents can't accept. They are afraid of that their children will confuse some impossible plots with the real life. Some students even spend most of their time and money reading and buying comic books. Furthermore some comics relate to the sex, violence revenge and so on. It may mislead our judgment.

Since we are teenagers and are deeply interested in reading comics, we wonder other SLHS students like reading comics, too. If yes, what's the most popular comics type? How much time and money will students spend on comics? We will investigate closely.

II. Thesis

A. The development of comics

1. The comics overview

In early years, people didn't have many recreations, including comics. But now, we have many kinds of comics to choose. Because of internet's soaring development, more people replace leasing comic books with reading it on web. At first, modern comic was developed from America newspapers and magazine comic strips, but then it didn't become a formal type, and it was drawn very by lines only. Later, modern comic circulated to Japan and got the whole development. As for the access board, they circulated the special painting to the world. Japanese comics have important

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status in America. Nowadays, comics become Japan's important estate, and the average income of a year is on the increase. The word "Manga" can symbolize the comic which is from Japan.

At present comics have become a kind of Japanese businesses. At first, the cartoonists create the comics in the office. Then they send the short comic manuscript to the publishing house. After checking the manuscript, they will public for their magazines to get the readers' attention. After some periods, the publishing house will collect readers' response. Finally, the cartoonist signs a contract with the publishing house. Publishing house will pick up the most popular comics and publish the separate.

2. The comparison of the traditional and modern comics

The traditional comics have existed for hundreds of years up to now, but the art form have thousands of years history in the world. The traditional comics painting style is forthright and skilled; the modern style is exquisite and graceful. The technique of expression in traditional comics is applied realistically, parabolically, symbolically, imaginatively and so on. Modern comics use movie's divided shot to arrange frame line and symbolize the contents. The traditional comics' contents used to have deep-seated meaning or criticize the society satirically in a small story; the modern comics have complicated contents or are presented in big stories which are popular and easy to understand. The traditional comics space is monotonous; the modern comics space is complex. The traditional comic's business price is low; the modern comic's price is very expensive.

3. The types of comics

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So far, there are a lot of kinds of comics in the world, for example: detective comics, adventure comics, political / social comics, humorous comics, the comic of love and so on. Needless to say, all teenagers are attracted by the comic's plots.

- a. Detective comics: Detective Conan is a good representative of detective comics. It is exciting to see Conan to find the murderer in every film.
- b. Political / Social comics: About the political / social comics, it is easy to find them on the newspapers. Most of them have sarcasms.
- c. Humorous comics: Garfield and Snoopy are the best examples of humorous comics. Both of them are about life with a lot of fun.
- d. The love story comics: The comic of love was girls' favorite kind before. However, it is not only for girls but also for boys now.

B. Conduct a survey

Because we want to know what kind of comics is the students' favorite, we choose about 90 people to answer the questionnaire. First, we ask people's sex, specialized programs and grade. Second, we must arrange the types of comics which people like most and least. Third, we want to know when they started their comic's live. Does it start before elementary school, after junior high school or senior high school? Forth, we want to ask them if they like comics more than other kinds of books. The last step of questionnaire is that we want to know how much time and money they spend on reading comics.

Table 1. Which kind of comics you like most?

Departments	BM		A		AFL		IT		DP		AD		Total	percent
Comics Types	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	All	

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Detective comics	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	8	10%	
Adventure comics	0	1	0	5	3	7	0	2	2	2	4	4	30	37%	1
Campus comics	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	7	9%	
Sci-fi comics	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	10	12%	
Humorous comics	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	13	16%	3
Romantic comics	0	7	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	14	17%	2
total	0	10	2	12	4	14	0	10	5	6	7	12	82	100%	

It shows adventure comics (37%) is the most favorite type of students.

Table 2. Which kind of comics you like least?

Departments	BM		A		AFL		IT		DP		AD		Total	percent
Comics Types	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	All	
Detective comics	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	7	9%
Adventure comics	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	8%
Campus comics	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	11	15%
Sci-fi comics	0	7	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	14	19%
Humorous comics	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	11	15%
Romantic comics	0	1	0	1	4	6	0	3	3	0	2	6	26	35%
total	0	10	1	8	4	14	0	10	4	6	6	12	75	100%

It shows romantic comics (35%) are the type which student like least.

※ Business Management--BM Accounting--A Applied Foreign Language--AFL
 International Trade--IT Data Processing--DP Advertisement Design—AD

Table 3. When did you start to read comics?

When you started	Before elementary school	Elementary school	Junior high school	Senior high school	Total
Person	6	56	20	5	87
Percent	7%	64%	23%	6%	100%

It shows most of people (64%) started to read comics when they were elementary school students.

Table 4. Do you like comics more than other kinds of books?

Response	Yes, I do	No, I don't	All of them are good	total

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Person	38	35	14	87
percent	43.68%	40.23%	16.09%	100%

It shows almost half of people like the comics more than other kinds.

5. Spend how much time on comics per week?

Time spent	Less than one day	One to three days	Four to six days	Every day	total
person	49	21	9	7	86
percent	56.98%	24.42%	10.47%	8.14%	100%

It shows most of them spend their time less than one day on comics per week.

6. Spend how much money on comics per week?

Money spent	Less than one hundred dollars	Less than five hundred dollars	Less than one thousand dollars	Less than two thousand dollars	Total
person	62	23	0	2	87
percent	71.26%	26.44%	0.00%	2.30%	100%

It shows most of them spend less than one hundred dollars on comics per week.

C. Discussion

According to the investigation of the students, we know most SLHS students like the adventure comics best (37%). They think the adventure comic plots are very exciting and they enjoy in the characters. One Piece, the most popular adventure comic, is a story about pirates. The roles start their traveling of adventure. Not only boys but also girls like the kind of comics most. However, girls are no longer only like the romantic comics because they think the romantic comic plots are similar. Most of them start to read comics when they are elementary school students. It is the time that we always catch the knowledge of world.

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Do SLHS students like comics more than the other kinds of books? 44% of them say yes. On the other hand, 40 percent say no. Why? Most of them say yes because they think that pictures are easier to read than words. But some of them say they enjoy the words in novels.

What do we spend on comics? I think that they are money and time. We pay money to buy or rent the comics and spend time reading them. Most of the SLHS students spend less than one hundred dollars to read comics per week. Maybe it is because Internet is easy to get across today. We can read comics on Internet, so we don't have to pay lots of money for renting comics in the comic store.

Most of them spend less than one day reading comics per week. Maybe comics are so interesting that most readers read them quickly. It shows that our SLHS students have certain degree of self-control. Keep balance of schooling and amusement

III. Conclusion.

There are many kinds of comics in the world, and comics have been a part of our lives. Every kind of comics has been popularized by many people. Sometime, people will hold the comic fair. In order to show their love of comics, they will dress themselves up like characters in comics. It is the word called "cosplay". In order to thank their comic supporters, cartoonists sometime hold the activities to meet them. Both of cartoonists and comic supporters' heart are full of the love of comics.

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Because of the enthusiasm of comics, we want to inquire which kind of comics students like most in our school. After finishing, we know that adventure comic is the favorite kind of comics for SLHS students. On the other hand, romantic comic is the type of comics which students like the least. The main reason might be that the plots are always similar. It talks invariably about who love someone and who doesn't like someone, again and again. According the questionnaire, the information reveals that most of people started to read comic at that time as they were elementary school students. Because of comics, most of them spend about one day on it per week, and they spend the money, too.

Today, Internet is very widespread and almost everyone can use it easily. Some of them even don't go to the comic store to rent or buy comics; they can read it from Internet, which spend less money than buying them. So Internet is a very convenient resource for us to date, isn't it. I think nobody will object to it in this idea.

According to doing this report, what we learned is an important experience. Not only when we arranged the information, but also when we collected or the proceeded the questionnaire, we found it is not a easy job. But we find pleasure in it. It is a good way for us to understand what comic is because we love comics so much. What's more, not until we made and handed out the questionnaire did we know that practical investigation has little difference to Top 10 report in the bookstore rank. It is very interesting.

Now the amount of reading comics has increased in the society. Perhaps no matter elders or younger people have been under great pressure in their life so that they read

comics for relax. And even some people put into comics with all their hearts and love. Hence, reading comics is not only a habit, but also a good way to comfort or inspire our teenagers, including us and our classmates.

If one day, teachers teach through using the comic strips, courses will attract students to study more. We think the courses will be fun and students will love it more than just read the textbooks.

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The Most Favorite Comic Type of Student in SLHS Form

In our life, comics play an important part. Everybody has his favorite comic. Please fill out the following form. We need your valuable opinions to carry on research. Thank you very much>_<.

Grade : _____ Department : _____ Gender : _____

1. When did you start to read comics?

- Before elementary school Elementary school
- Junior high school Senior high school

2. Please arrange the following comics in order (6~1) according to your adoration.

- () Detective comics () Adventure comics () Campus comics
- () Sci-fi comics () Humorous comics () Romantic comics

3. Please choose one of your favorite books and write down your reasons.

(1) _____

(2) _____

4. Please choose one comic which you like least and write down your reasons.

(1) _____

(2) _____

5. Do you like comics more than other kinds of books? Why?

6. How much time do you spend on comics per week?

- Less than one day One to three days
- Four to six days Every day

7. How much money do you spend on comics per week?

- Less than one hundred dollars Less than five hundred dollars
- Less than one thousand dollar Less than two thousand dollars

Thank you for offering the information to us ; hope you have a happy day :D