

Watchmen Co-op ½ Oral

With your partner, select one two-page extract from Watchmen, and provide a four-to-five-minute oral commentary. To avoid running out of time, please stick to this format:

Steps 1 and 2 should take around 30 seconds: no more.

1. Begin by introducing your selected global issue in a single statement: *"I will discuss the global issue _____ in Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' graphic novel Watchmen."*
2. Offer a brief frame for your selected two-page extract: What is happening in this extract (e.g. narrative context, conflict, setting, literal meaning)? What is your interpretation (should be a complex theme claim consisting of two clauses linked with a subordinating conjunction) of this extract in relation to the presentation of the global issue in the work as a whole?

Spend about two-and-a-half minutes on Step 3.

3. Provide thoughtful analysis of the authorial choices within the extract.
 - a. Be sure to competently address the complex tone, any allusions, and any irony or paradox.
 - b. Clearly identify textual features with accurate literary terminology.
 - c. Use evaluative adjectives and/or adverbs to describe each authorial choice.
 - d. Cover each choice's effect(s) on the reader and/or the impact(s) of the extract itself.
 - e. Organize your response thoughtfully (so that it makes sense to your audience).
 - f. Support your ideas with specific references to the text, including panel number(s).
 - g. Explicitly connect your analyses back to your theme claim for a sustained interpretation.

Spend about two minutes on Steps 4 and 5.

4. Discuss the implications of your interpretation in relation to the global issue in "the work as a whole". To do this, make reference to broader trends in Moore and Gibbons' graphic novel; link your interpretation to something specific that's evident elsewhere in the work: offer relevant references to the text as support whenever possible.
5. Offer a brief conclusion in which you make connections between your key points. Be careful to not merely summarize what you've already said! (This can be quite brief, but consider how you can earn extra points on the rubric for being persuasive in arguing your interpretation.)