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MANGA PORTRAITS



KEY KNOWLEDGE

Manga is Japanese comic books where the author tells stories using drawings and dialogue in frames. The comics are read from right to left, the opposite of how we read books.

It is said that Manga began in the 12 century and became recognisable in the comic strip format from the 1950's onwards.

Manga has different genres for boys (called Shonen) and girls (Shojo) and has many themes such as superheroes, horror, action, romance and science fiction. A Manga artist is called a Mangaka.

Mangaka draw in many different styles and is best known for exaggerating facial features such as very large eyes and small noses and mouths.



KEY VOCAB

Manga – Japanese comic books. **Man** – whimsical, **Ga** – drawings.

Anime – Animation in the comic book Manga style.

Mangaka – Manga artists.

Genre – A style or theme in Art.

Shojo – Manga stories aimed at girls.

Shonen – Manga stories aimed at boys.

Important Mangaka – Rumiko Takahashi (InuYasha), Akira Toriyama (Dragonball Z), Naoki Urasawa (Monster).

Exaggerated features – Manga characters are recognised with large eyes and small mouths and noses. Manga can also be drawn in a more realistic way.

Contrast – The amount of difference between light tones and dark tones.



FURTHER LINKS/RESOURCES/RESEARCH

History of Manga - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ASK-c4WTVI>

Top 10 Manga artists - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tA7Us1FXhak>

How to draw Manga faces - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgl8pgezB-c>