

## The Vientiane College Diploma - Module Overview

### DIPDR107 Deep Reading - Explored through Graphic Novels

#### Overview of the module

The goal of this module is to help you become a more sophisticated reader and producer of English. This is accomplished by focusing on graphic novels, or what are often called comic books. Through a study of the formal elements of graphic novels, an exposure to a variety of examples of the format, and an experience with the process of creating your own graphic narrative, you will begin to develop the vocabulary, grammar, and thinking skills necessary for discussing not just comics, but any text. In a nutshell, this module will teach you techniques and skills that will enable you to become a more thoughtful and successful reader of English language texts.

#### Key questions explored in the module

- How does thinking about how texts are structured help us to understand them?
- Why is it useful to not just think about 'what' a text says, but also 'how' it is saying it?
- What is the definition of a SAN (sequential art narrative)?
- What choices do authors make in graphic novels, or in any other type of text, to communicate with the reader?

#### Skills

This module will help you improve your English language skills with a special emphasis on:

- using language to precisely define text types
- using English to describe the structure and meaning of a text
- gaining greater grammatical control over your spoken and written English
- recognizing and responding flexibly to different genres of texts

#### Performance Tasks

Throughout this module you will:

- read, analyse, and discuss various texts
- prepare and deliver presentations while working with a team
- write analytical and evaluative essays demonstrating your understanding of a text

