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Alternate history of Singapore wins comics Oscars

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THE READING

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A Singaporean graphic novelist won three major comic industry prizes at the Eisner Awards. Sonny Liew won Best Writer/Artist, Best US Edition of International Material, and Best Publication Design for his book, "The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye". The book is a rewrite of Singapore's history. Liew said he was surprised his book did well. He didn't expect it to get a global audience. He said he wanted people to, "get a sense of how rich our history was".

Mr Liew's book is a history of Singapore from its independence from British rule. He focused on Singapore's founding fathers and the role played by lesser-known people. He wanted to tell the official history, and "a more inclusive version". Liew was worried that his book would be unsuccessful because Singapore's National Arts Council took away a grant for it. However, this brought a lot of attention and increased sales of the book.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A Singaporean graphic | a. audience |
| 2. three major comic | b. Best Writer |
| 3. Sonny Liew won | c. our history was |
| 4. The book is a rewrite | d. it to |
| 5. he was surprised his book | e. novelist |
| 6. He didn't expect | f. of Singapore's history |
| 7. get a global | g. industry prizes |
| 8. get a sense of how rich | h. did well |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Mr Liew's book is a history | a. inclusive version |
| 2. its independence from | b. founding fathers |
| 3. He focused on Singapore's | c. history |
| 4. the role played by lesser- | d. be unsuccessful |
| 5. He wanted to tell the official | e. of Singapore |
| 6. a more | f. known people |
| 7. worried that his book would | g. lot of attention |
| 8. this brought a | h. British rule |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Singaporean (1) _____ won three major comic industry (2) _____ Eisner Awards. Sonny Liew won Best Writer/Artist, Best US Edition of International Material, (3) _____ Design for his book, "The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye". The (4) _____ Singapore's history. Liew said he was surprised his book did well. He didn't (5) _____ get a global audience. He said he wanted people to, "(6) _____ how rich our history was".

Mr Liew's (7) _____ history of Singapore from its independence from British rule. (8) _____ Singapore's founding fathers and the (9) _____ lesser-known people. He wanted to tell (10) _____, and "a more inclusive version". Liew was worried (11) _____ would be unsuccessful because Singapore's National Arts Council took away a grant for it. However, this brought (12) _____ and increased sales of the book.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GRAPHIC NOVELS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about graphic novels in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **graphic novels** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
