

Dear Video Production Students,

As you can tell by now, I am not in class today. As we shift our focus away from photography and cast our sights on Video, you are to begin your study by considering the similarity between comics and video. Do not rush this assignment. Your goal should not be to simply answer the questions; your goal should be to watch the video and consider the unique way of seeing media that McCloud presents. Show me that you have carefully considered his presentation by answering questions thoroughly.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Mr. McCarthy

TED Viewing Assignment

Scott McCloud: The Visual Magic of Comics

Directions: Watch the 17 minute video linked below and, on separate paper, using a pen and your own hand, answer the following questions to the best of your ability. It is important that you listen carefully to this presentation in order to complete this assignment. **Be sure to do your own work.**

1. List the five human senses.
2. Which of the five senses does McCloud value the most? Why?
3. McCloud makes a joke about "blind faith" because, in the context he uses this, he means two things. Define the common understanding of "blind faith" (Yes, you may consult Wikipedia) and relate McCloud's extra meaning of this phrase.
4. Name the three types of vision.
5. Name the four basic principles that McCloud introduces.
6. Which of the four basic principles does McCloud choose to focus on for this talk? Why?
7. Retell The Fable of the Scorpion and the Frog.
8. In what ways does McCloud identify and discuss patterns in comics?
9. In what ways is comics like video?

10. On a separate note: List your all time favorite movies.

11. List your favorite online (YouTube, Vimeo) videos.