**Types of Panels**

There are two types of graphic novel panels: ***content*** panels and ***story*** panels. Each of these types can be broken into the following categories…

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| **THREE TYPES OF CONTENT PANELS**  Content panels rely on formatting or style to convey their message to the reader, whether that message be expressed with words, images, or with images and words together. |
| 1. **WORD PANEL:** The contents within this type of panel ONLY use words to tell a piece of the story. |
| 1. **IMAGE PANEL:** The contents within this type of panel ONLY use images to tell a piece of the story. |
| 1. **WORD AND IMAGE PANELS:** The contents within this type of panel use BOTH words and images to tell a piece of the story. |

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| **ELEVEN TYPES OF STORY PANELS**  Based in the elements of story in traditional literature, story panels develop or detail the story/text. |
| 1. **PLOT PANEL:** These panels develop the graphic novel’s plot, or the main set of events that unfold in the story. |
| 1. **CHARACTER PANEL:** These panels develop individual or multiple characters. |
| 1. **SETTING PANEL:** These panels develop setting, the place(s) where the graphic novel takes place. |
| 1. **CONFLICT PANEL:** These panels develop the source of the conflict in the graphic novel, the tension that motivates the story. |
| 1. **RISING ACTION PANEL:** These panels develop the set of events that stem from the conflict, give rise to that conflict, and lead to the climax in the graphic novel. |
| 1. **CLIMAX PANEL:** These panels develop the point of greatest intensity in the story. |
| 1. **RESOLUTION PANEL:** These panels develop the final outcome that solves the primary conflict(s) in the graphic novel. |
| 1. **SYMBOLS PANEL:** These panels usually contain images and/or words that stand for something larger than themselves. |
| 1. **THEME PANEL:** These panels develop the main idea(s) in the graphic novel. |
| 1. **FORESHADOWING PANEL:** These panels develop the story by hinting at or alluding to what is to come later. |
| 1. **COMBINATION STORY PANELS:** These panels use two or more of the above types of panels. |