

Understanding and Applying Principles From *Your Voice As A Superpower* TedX Speech by Shannon Live

SUBJECT I TEACH	
HOW I HAVE USED Comics before	
HOW COMICS ASSIST IN LEARNING	 Comics provide cooperation, diversity, and opportunity in their creative process. Comics teach structure in formatting, importance of word choice, emphasis on language, balance between speaking, narration, and internal thought. Comics give students a chance to find their voice when they are uncomfortable using words.
THE SCIENCE BEHIND USING COMICS	 Dr. Alan Paivio's Dual Coding Theory: Verbal + Visual = Better Understanding and Retention of Information. Our Brains are More Readily Able to Process Language/Text Presented in Sequential Format. Comics have been found to teach readers 53.5 unique words per thousand. That's more new words than you would learn in an adult novel.

	• Teach Storytelling as a Way to Explore Your Experiences.
TAKEAWAYS	• Supplement Text with Graphic Novel Versions of the Same
	Fictional Story or Historical/Scientific Text.
and action	• Try Out Vibrant and Collaborative Learning Initiatives
TEMS	• What New Ways Can You Think of to Use Comics in Your
CARELUL	Classroom? Brainstorm with Your Colleagues Now!