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## **Level 5**

### **Alternate history of Singapore wins comics Oscars**

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# THE READING

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A Singaporean graphic novelist has won three comic industry Oscars. Sonny Liew picked up three Eisner Awards for his book, "The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye". The book is a rewrite of Singaporean history. Mr Liew won Best Writer/Artist, Best US Edition of International Material, and Best Publication Design. The awards show was held at the San Diego Comic-Con. Liew said he was surprised his book did well as he never expected an international audience for it. He said: "I always wanted people to read the book and get a sense of how rich our history was."

Mr Liew's book outlines the history of Singapore from its independence from British rule. Liew focused on Singapore's founding father, Lee Kuan Yew, and the role played by lesser-known people. He said he wanted to tell the official history of Singapore and, "a more inclusive version of our history". He added: "I hope that's what people reading the book will get from it." Liew first worried that his book would be unsuccessful because Singapore's National Arts Council took away a grant for the book. However, this brought a lot of attention and boosted sales of the book.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A Singaporean                   | a. international audience |
| 2. Sonny Liew picked               | b. to read the book       |
| 3. The book is a rewrite of        | c. San Diego Comic-Con    |
| 4. The awards show was held at the | d. our history was        |
| 5. he was surprised his            | e. Singaporean history    |
| 6. he never expected an            | f. graphic novelist       |
| 7. I always wanted people          | g. book did well          |
| 8. get a sense of how rich         | h. up three Eisner Awards |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Liew's book outlines the    | a. of Singapore           |
| 2. its independence from       | b. known people           |
| 3. Liew focused on Singapore's | c. version of our history |
| 4. the role played by lesser-  | d. founding father        |
| 5. tell the official history   | e. lot of attention       |
| 6. a more inclusive            | f. history of Singapore   |
| 7. this brought a              | g. of the book            |
| 8. boosted sales               | h. British rule           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Liew's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the history of Singapore from its independence from British rule. Liew (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore's founding father, Lee Kuan Yew, and the role played by lesser-known people. He said he wanted to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ history of Singapore and, "a more inclusive (10) \_\_\_\_\_ history". He added: "I hope that's what people reading the book will get from it." Liew first worried that his book would (11) \_\_\_\_\_ because Singapore's National Arts Council took away a grant for the book. However, this brought a lot of attention and boosted (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# GRAPHIC NOVELS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170725-graphic-novel-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

