

Splash Page Analysis: *Icon* by Dwayne McDuffee

What is a **Splash Page**? A splash page is a page in a comic or graphic novel where the artist considers the image to be so important that it constitutes taking up the entire page. Your job is to analyze why the artist does this?

Write a nine sentence paragraph using the mechanics we discussed in class to analyze the splash page from *Icon*. The rubric for this assignment is listed below, make sure you have the following elements to receive full credit;

- 3 details (examples) from the splash page. (5 points)
- 1 sentence for each description giving your reason for picking that detail. (5 points)
- 1 sentence for each description analyzing your reason. (5 points)
- Grammar and mechanics (spelling, punctuation etc.). (5 points)

If you need help use the sentence frames below;

Sentences 1,4,7: Description sentence

- One detail I notice on the page is _____ this shows that the artist _____.

Sentences 2,5,8: Commentary sentence

- I chose to analyze this detail on the “Splash Page” because _____.

Sentences 3,6,9: Analysis sentence

- This detail shows that the artist wanted to communicate _____ to the reader.

Splash Page Description:

Close Reading Splash Page Analysis-Paragraph template

One detail I notice on the page is _____ this shows that the artist

_____. I chose to analyze this detail on the "Splash Page" because

_____. This detail shows that the artist wanted to communicate _____ to the reader.

Another detail I noticed is _____.

I chose to analyze this detail on the "Splash Page" because

_____.

This detail shows that the artist wanted to communicate _____ to the reader.

The last detail I wanted to analyze is

_____.

I chose to analyze this detail on the "Splash Page" because _____. This detail shows that the artist wanted to communicate

_____ to the reader.



Sample Student Paragraph

One detail I noticed is the light in his hand, it shows *Icon* is serious and that he has immense powers. I chose to analyze this detail because it's the first thing on the page that caught my attention, because of its shine. This detail shows that the artist wanted to communicate his unique powers to the readers. Another detail I noticed is the colors of his uniform, it is red and green. This shows that the artists chose these bright colors to give him a hero look, not a villain look which probably would've been dark colors. The last detail I wanted to talk about was his rings around his chest, legs, and arms, to me they look like shackles. I chose to analyze this because it reminded me of the past of African Americans and how they were slaves, and got chained up when they weren't needed. This shows that the artist wanted to show that *Icon* has no shame to be an African American and is proud of who he is.