

Humor Study
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English IV

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Analysis

For the humor project I decided right from the beginning that I wanted to do an animatic. I feel like with drawings, it's way easier to convey emotions through exaggeration. Additionally, the facial expressions that are able to be drawn are way funnier than physical facial expressions. With drawings you can stretch reality, like drawing someone bald.

The first person I decided to study, or learn from, was a youtuber named "KelseyAnimated". The video I learned the most from was her video called "What High School is REALLY Like". The whole video is a friendly conversation between her and her friend Koen. They start by discussing how they'll be giving high school advice, however as the video progresses they start just telling high school stories. The best thing about this video is that they are both almost constantly laughing recalling these stories, I consider this "contagious laughter" as their laugh is what made me laugh, or them trying to resist the urge to laugh.

The drawings that Kelsey does are minimalistic but extremely expressive. The expressions make up for the fact that the drawings aren't detailed, but her drawings have a unique style. She also throws in memes every once and awhile to add to the humor.

An additional youtuber I watched for humor studies was the youtube "Emirichu" and the main video I watched and loved was the video "Childhood Crushes" where her and 2 of her friends talk about their childhood crushes. Again, the reason I found this the most funny was because of the contagious laughter. Her art is more detailed than Kelsey's which I feel would take a lot longer than a simple cartoon style like Kelsey's.

Within these two youtubers I noticed that the things I find most funny are natural jokes. Forced jokes and pre-written jokes just aren't as funny. "In the moment" jokes are funnier to me than scripted jokes.

Through this research I decided I wanted to do a sort of "podcast" recording with my friend and we would talk about something, like how we met, or funny moments and I feel like that would cause contagious laughter between the two of us. Then I could edit down the audio recording and add illustrations over it.