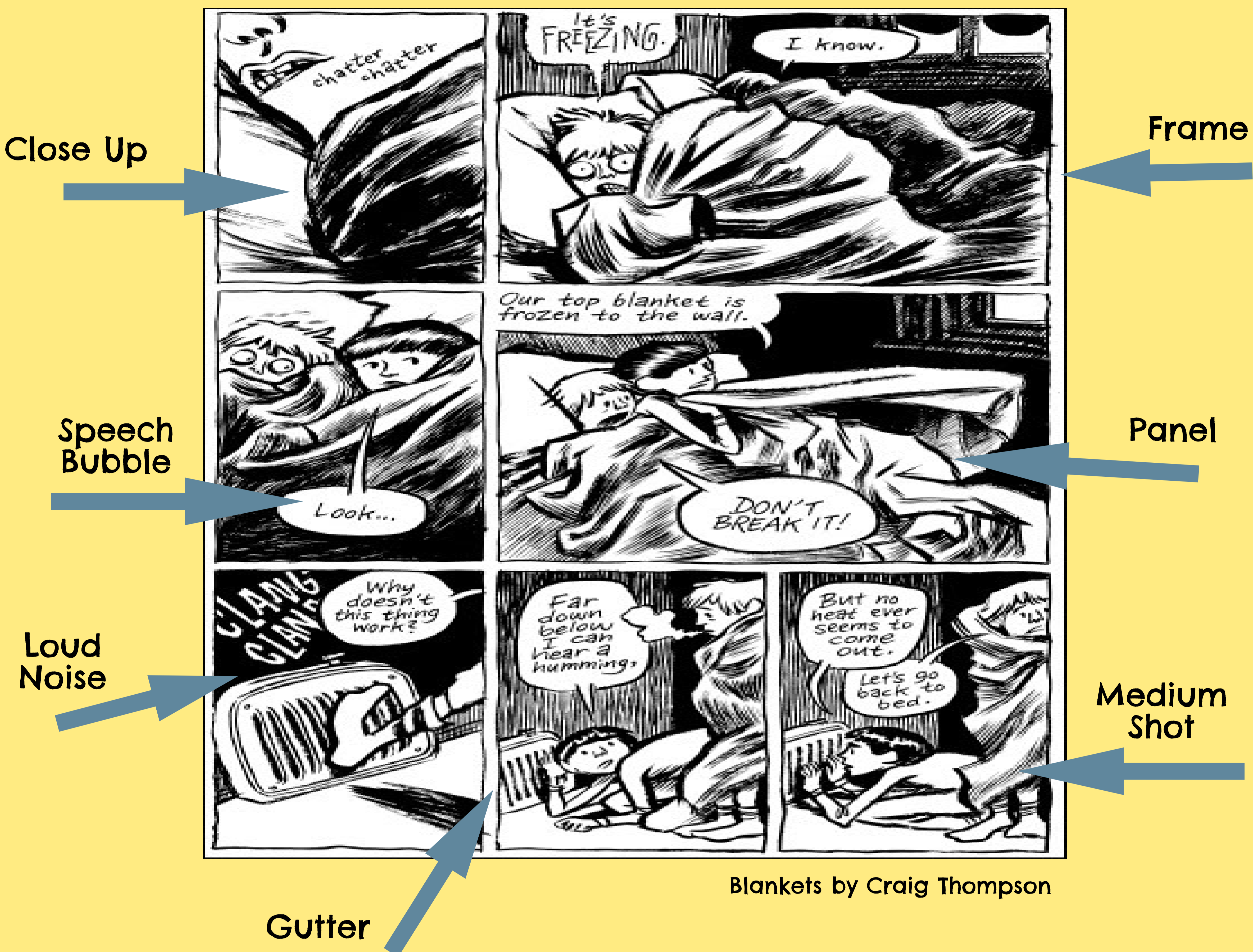
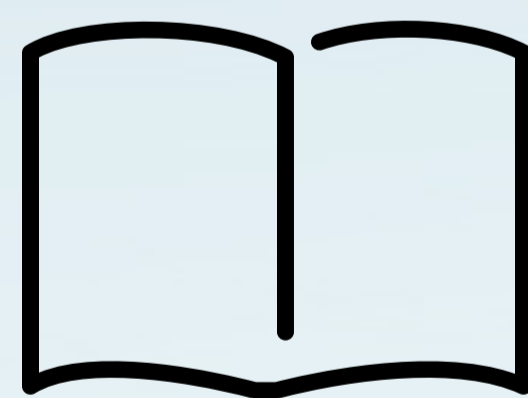


# Graphic Novels 101

Graphic novels have a language all of their own. It is important that students understand the visual cues that are proposed by graphic texts. Knowledge of some of the common elements of graphic texts can help readers make meaning.

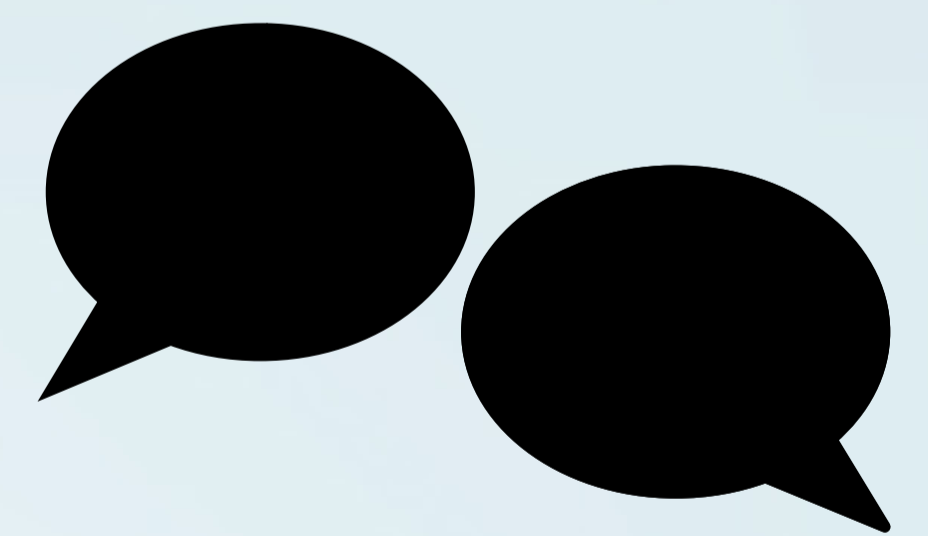
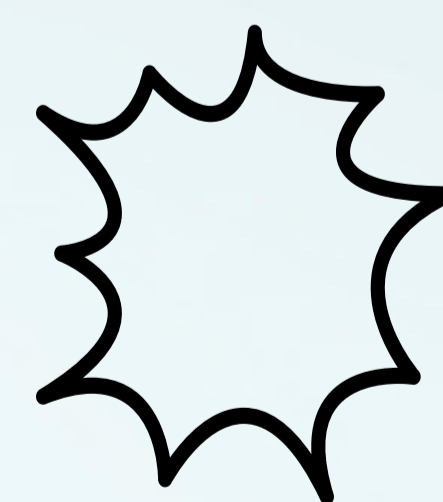


In small  
groups:



Read an excerpt or a short graphic text.

Identify the conventions and crafting techniques used.



Discuss how they impact meaning.

Use Graphic Novels and Other Illustrated Texts to:

- engage students in reading
- launch a genre study
- introduce a specific genre (memoir, historical fiction)
- explore complex ideas and themes
- use as mentor texts for author's craft