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Raggedy CHAN

Parody Lesson #1: What is “Parody”

A **parody** is a story written in imitation of another, pre-existing story. The **parody** is not the “original work,” but the reader can clearly recognize its link to the original work. The purpose of a **parody** is to shed light and/or make commentary on some aspect of society.

Raggedy Chan is a **parody** of the stories of *Raggedy Ann*, a series of children’s books that has been around since the early 1900s. In order to understand *Raggedy Chan* as a **parody**, it is necessary to know something about *Raggedy Ann*, the original.

1. Use the internet and do some research on *Raggedy Ann*.
2. Find and read one of the original *Raggedy Ann* books. 27 books are attributed to the original author.
3. Write a 3 paragraph essay about *Raggedy Ann* and the books written about her adventures. This essay should include the author, illustrator, the date of original publication and a summary of the story you selected to read.
4. Attach 1 of the following to your essay:
 - 1) A picture of an original *Raggedy Ann* book cover, **or**
 - 2) An illustration from an original *Raggedy Ann* book.

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Parody Lesson #2: Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Chan

You have now read *Raggedy Chan*, the graphic novel by Camille Piccott published in 2008. You have also done some research on *Raggedy Ann*, the character created by Johnny Gruelle in 1918. You may have even read one of the *Raggedy Ann* stories.

List from 5 ways in which *Raggedy Chan* is a **parody** of *Raggedy Ann*. How are they **alike**?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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List from 5 ways in which the characters and/or the stories are **different**.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____
