

Japanese Anime

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What is anime? 1/4

- In Japan, anime is a term that describes ALL animation, no matter what the type or where it's from.
 - In the United States, anime tends to be used strictly as a term for work that has come out of Japan.
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Osama Tezuka & Tetsuwan Atom

- In 1947, Osama Tezuka, also known as the “Father of Anime and Manga”, released his work that shot him into fame, Tetsuwan Atom, better known in the US as Atom Boy



Making it to the United States

Astro Boy First
Episode, Click
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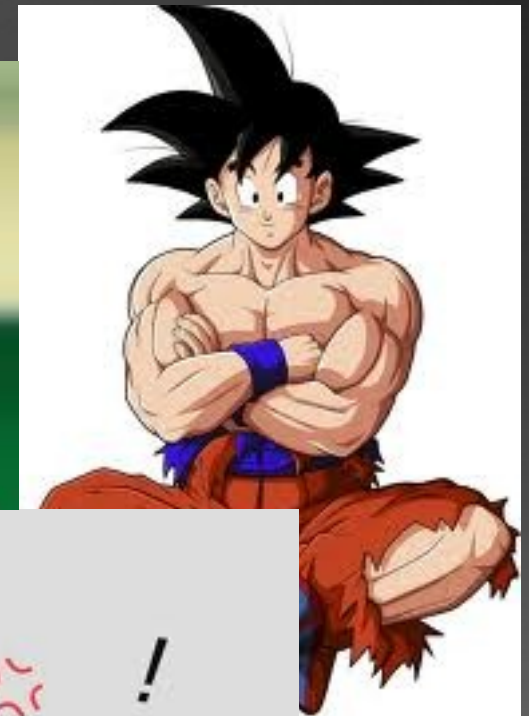


- Some 16 years later, NBC decides to air Astro Boy, and it instantly becomes one of the first nation wide hits from anime.

What is Anime? 2/4

- The following are all common characteristics to see in characters when watching an anime:
 - Large, round eyes
 - Spiky Hair
 - Women with slender bodies and large breasts
 - (Sometimes, but not always) Large, muscular men
 - Over the top expressions, often using exclamation points, nose bleeds, squiggly lines, streams of tears, among other things to help show expressions.
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Examples 2/4



Akira Toriyama & Dragon Ball

- The first Dragon Ball Series is released in 1986, which becomes so popular that three other series', Dragon Ball Z, Dragon Ball GT & Dragon Ball Kai, are created in 1989, 1996, and 2009, respectively.



Katsuhiro Otomo & Akira

- In 1988 Katsuhiro Otomo releases Akira, which becomes a nation wide hit and is today considered to be a cult classic among anime enthusiasts.

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- When watching different anime, you can expect a lot of the same themes or similar ideas to show up, such as:
 - The use of Gods, Spirits, or higher beings. This is perhaps the most common occurrence in anime.
 - Animals, especially over sized ones. Animals are often shown as being extremely loyal, and sometimes used as bodies for the spirits/gods.
 - Being in touch with nature. This one is kind of hard to explain, but the best way to put it is being nature conscious or “green”, in other words not harming or destroying what could be considered nature.
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Examples 3/4



Dragon Spirit/God in Dragon Ball Z

Tree Spirits from Princess Mononoke



From Pocket Monsters to Pokémon

- Pokémon, as known in the US, started off in Japan as Pocket Monsters before being translated for the US. Perhaps the most well known anime in the world, the first and second Pokémon movies, released in 1999 & 2000, hold the top two spots for all time grossing anime films in the United States.

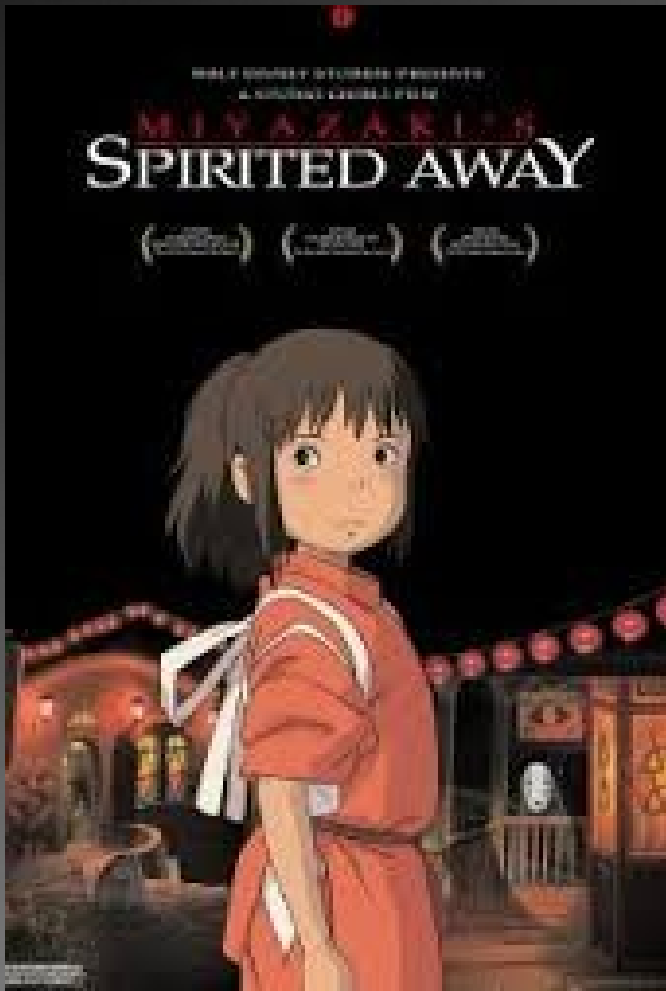


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Tezuka & Spirited Away

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- The only anime movie to ever win an Oscar for best animated film, Spirited Away was released in 2002 and became an instant classic and favorite to many.

The Secret World of Arrietty

- Released in 2012 and created by none other than Mr. Miyazaki, The Secret World of Arrietty climbed straight to the number 4 spot on the highest grossing anime list and shows that anime still has a place in the US.



What is anime? 4/4

- Anime, although it is animated, is not always geared towards kids, which gives it its wider appeal. In fact, many of the movies would be unacceptable for children to watch for the below reasons:
 - Extreme violence, use of blood, and very graphic pictures
 - Scripts that often use profane language
 - Storylines, themes, or ideas that a child may not be able to understand
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Examples 4/4



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