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Seinen

Although the name is derived from the Japanese word for “youth,” this category is aimed at adult men, usually college age and older. *Seinen* manga are similar to *shōnen*, except they tend to contain more sophisticated and mature topics, as well as content that is more violent and psychologically intense. They focus on action, comedy, fantasy, politics, science fiction, or sports. *Seinen* also differs from *shōnen* by focusing more on plot and less on characters, including their motivations and the resulting consequences. The influence of the *gekiga* artistic style faded in increasingly commercialized *shōnen* magazines, and these kinds of works are currently found in *seinen* publications.

Common Elements

Friendship
Turmoil and conflict

Thoughtfulness

Graphic Novel Examples*

<i>Ai Yori Aoshi</i> (1998-2005) by Kou Fumizuki
<i>Akira</i> (1982-1990) by Katsuhiro Otomo
<i>Battle Angel Alita</i> (“ <i>Gunnm</i> ”) (1991-1995) by Yukito Kishiro
<i>Battle Royale</i> (2000-2005) by Koushun Takami
<i>Bezerk</i> (1990-ongoing) by Kentaro Miura
<i>Blade of the Immortal</i> (1993-2012) by Hiroaki Samura
<i>Blue Flag</i> (2017-2019) by KAITO
<i>Buddha</i> (1972-1983) by Osamu Tezuka
<i>Gantz</i> (2000-2013) by Hiroya Oku
<i>Ghost in the Shell</i> (1989-1991) by Masamune Shirow
<i>Golden Kamuy</i> (2018-2020) by Satoru Nada
<i>Golgo 13</i> (1969-ongoing) by Takao Saito
<i>Hellsing</i> (1997-2008) by Kouta Hirano

<i>The Ice Wanderer and Other Stories</i> (2006) by Jirō Taniguchi
<i>Kamui</i> (1964-1971) by Sanpei Shirato
<i>Lone Wolf and Cub</i> (1970-1976) by Kazuo Koike and Goseki Kojima
<i>Message to Adolf</i> (1983-1985) by Osamu Tezuka
<i>Monster</i> (1994-2001) by Naoki Urasawa
<i>One-Punch Man</i> (2009-ongoing) by One
<i>Uzumaki: Spiral into Horror</i> (1998-2000) by Junji Ito
<i>Samurai Executioner</i> (1972-1976) by Kazuo Koike and Goseki Kojima
<i>Samurai Legend</i> (1992) by Kan Furuyama and Jiro Taniguchi
<i>Satsuma Gishiden</i> (1977-1982) by Hiroshi Hirata
<i>Steins;Gate</i> (2009-2013) by Yomi Sarachi
<i>The Summit of the Gods</i> (2000-2003) by Jiro Taniguchi and Baku Yumemakura

* The dates given reflect the original serial publications in Japan.

<i>Tekkonkinkreet</i> (1993-1994) by Taiyō Matsumoto

<i>Tokyo Ghoul</i> (2011-2014) by Sui Ishida
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<i>Vagabond</i> (1998-2015) by Takehiko Inoue
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<i>Vinland Saga</i> (2005-ongoing) by Makoto Yukimura
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