

- citation: refer to the notes.
- what genre is it?
 - often a manga or anime will exhibit stylistic visual features that include both solo and shonen elements
 - ▶ should be able to recognize which elements are which!
- shoji vs shonen:
 - shoji: homo gendered world
 - shonen: hetero gendered world (almost always heterosexual)
- school is a subgenera of shoji
- some weird speciality manga: rape manga.
- superflat:
 - what is super flat aesthetics?
 - ▶ flatness and layering.
 - ▶ 3D art: western transcendence
 - relies on gods eye view, its not the same as this world, and god functions as eye in the sky
 - transcendence:
 - ▶ 2D art: eastern immanence:
 - there is no eye in the sky
 - takashi murakami
 - ▶ "little boy": refers to hiroshima
 - ▶ "Father america ..." referring to meiji colonization of japan by the west. japan was not colonized militarily.
 - league of nations racial insult
 - atomic and other bombings
 - allies occupation of japan after WWII
 - allied occupation of japan 1945-52
 - ▶ illustration published shows american soldier that seems to be armed and stronger, taller while japansese soldiers are illustrated as small, unarmed, timid
 - ▶ Murakami says about "super flat trilogy" these are good things:
 - ▶ 1) a value system based on infantile sensibility
 - ▶ 2) a society without any definitive standard of wealth
 - ▶ 3) amateruism
 - ▶ humans (all) a kind of monster or cyborg
 - ▶ murakami's art shows eyes as atomic bombing, it is gendered and sexualized
 - kawaii: sexualization and sexual exploitation
 - cuteness of the avant-garde:
 - ▶ smallness compactness, softness, complicity and pliancy: associated with affects: helplessness, pitifulness and even despondency: which evokes desire to protect, to soothe, to cherish
 - ▶ project cuteness as aggressiveness. DOB character becomes more aggressive.
 - a lot of robots are designed to look like a female
- theme 1: robots, cyborgs, androids
 - people imagine about these cyborgs and robots based on the thoughts now.
 - what's the difference between all of them
 - ▶ robot: completely mechanic entity, shape determined by its function, artificial intelligence
 - ▶ humanoid robot (android/gynoid)
 - sub-category of robot happen like human, distinguishably by male(android) or female(gynoid) ; human like artificial intelligence
 - why are there only few male looking robots??
 - ▶ cyborg: human/human like intelligence,
 - ▶ prosthetic impulse: the desire to restore the body to wholeness when it has suffered a loss, and the related desire to enhance even whole and functional bodies to create new capabilities
 - ▶ what are the ethical and philosophical issues?
 - ▶ western: industrial, military robot.
 - ▶ japan: little interest in prosthetic devices
 - ▶ so in real life, japan seems to be more robot-oriented and north america seems to be more cyborg oriented
 - ex) astro boy, tetsujin 28, android V: android robots more common in japan than any other cultures in the world
 - ▶ gaia theory: hearsay "cyborg and symbionts"
 - immanence: and transcendence