

6. Appendix C: Transcripts of Interviews English

Interview 1: Robert and Finn

Researcher	Do you remember the survey I handed out in the beginning of the project
Both	yes
Researcher	you both wrote that you like to read online. Robert, can you tell me a little bit more about that?
Robert	I read some different things really
Researcher	news and stuff?
Robert	yes
Researcher	And Finn?
Finn	I read news and about gaming
Researcher	Do you wish that you read more on your spare time just for fun?
Both	yes
Researcher	Do you think it's important to read prose, and not just facts?
Researcher	Why are you both laughing? Are you nervous?
Both	no *keep laughing*
Finn	I don't really like to read prose. I mostly want to learn facts.
Researcher	How did you find working with the homework I gave you?
Robert	good
Finn	Better than the ones we normally get.
Researcher	OK. did you find them demanding?
Finn	maybe a little.
Researcher	if you could choose how we worked with the graphic novels how would you set up the lessons?
Robert	read 15 pages and write a summary of what we read.
Researcher	what did you prefer over <i>The Hobbit</i> and the self-chosen book?

Robert	the one I chose myself because there was more action and stuff.
Finn	I didn't like <i>The Hobbit</i> book at all.
Researcher	do you know why you didn't like it?
Finn	it was boring I like the other book I chose because it was more interesting and understandable
Researcher	do you think it's better to be able to choose your own book then to be given one?
Both	yes
Researcher	what do you prefer of graphic novels and regular books?
Finn	textbooks.
Robert	regular books.
Researcher	how did you find the readers theater? I know you came at the last minute
Robert	that was just awkward
Finn	laughing
Researcher	would it have been better if you got more time would it still be awkward?
Robert	no then it would be fine but still a little awkward
Researcher	Robert, in the survey you wrote that you read a lot of English when you're gaming what did you mean by that?
Robert	I have to speak with my English gaming friends, and they write a lot of English, so I have to read a lot of English. That's why I mostly read and write in English.
Researcher	you also wrote that you read science fiction biographies fantasy is that in books?
Robert	science fiction in Norwegian, no, English, actually.
Researcher	will you choose graphic novels or comics if given the choice?
Both	yes
Researcher	do you have any other comments on the experience of my time here teaching?
Robert	well it was kind of fun, but we could have probably done more and so on.

Finn	maybe more theatre?
Researcher	what was the most fun and the most boring thing that we did?
Finn	the most boring thing was reading and the most fun was the readers theater.

Interview 2: Benicio and Frank

Researcher	You both wrote in your interviews that you don't like reading because it can be boring. Is that something that has changed at all after I have had my project in your class?
Frank	It's still not fun to read, but I don't know...
Benicio	I think it's easier to read comics then regular books, yes. So, reading comics was a bit fun.
Researcher	Do you agree?
Frank	Yes.
Researcher	Do you think reading for fun in your spare time is important?
Both	Yes, we read every day
Researcher	is it important to read prose and not just facts?
Frank	Yes, it's important to use one's imagination.
Researcher	how was the homework
Frank	ok
Benicio	just right
Researcher	what did you prefer of <i>The Hobbit</i> and the self-chosen book
Frank	<i>The Hobbit</i> because I've seen the movies
Benicio	same, I've seen all the movies and I know almost everything
Researcher	so, it was better with something familiar
Researcher	what do you prefer of graphic novels and regular books?
Frank	graphic
Benicio	yes

Researcher	how did you find working with Readers Theatre
Benicio	it was ok
Researcher	another thing you had in common in your homework, is that you seemed more positive to your books.
Frank	yes, as I got to know the book it got better
Benicio	I got to know more about how they got in the situation what they did and so on
Researcher	How did you find that I didn't give you a required number of pages?
Both	good
Frank	we didn't have to read a certain amount
Researcher	Will you continue reading graphic novels and comics
Both	yes
Researcher	if you have the choice in English and Norwegian classes will you choose graphic novels
Both	yes
Researcher	any other comments?
Benicio	it was pretty fun

Interview 3 George

Researcher	in the survey, you wrote that you do not like to read because it is boring and takes a long time. Has that changed since my being here?
George	No, I still think it's boring.
Researcher	Do you think it's important to read on your spare time?
George	Depends what you read, for instance, news articles can be important and facts, that are useful.
Researcher	But you don't find it important to read for fun?
George	No.
Researcher	In the homework, it seemed you gradually became more positive to the material. Is that correct?

George	I was negative in the beginning, but after a while when I changed books, I became more positive.
Researcher	which book did you have first?
George	I don't remember, then I switched to the Helen Keller book.
Researcher	Can you explain why the second one was better?
George	Easier to understand.
Researcher	How did you find working with the homework?
George	It was going well
Researcher	Was it strange that I didn't require you to read a certain number of pages?
George	No, it was really just nice.
Researcher	What did you prefer of <i>The Hobbit</i> and the self-chosen book?
George	The one I chose. I don't really have an interest for <i>The Hobbit</i> .
Researcher	Which do you prefer of graphic novels and regular books?
George	Regular books.
Researcher	will you continue to read graphic novels?
George	No.
Researcher	Will you choose them in other subjects?
George	Only if we have to.