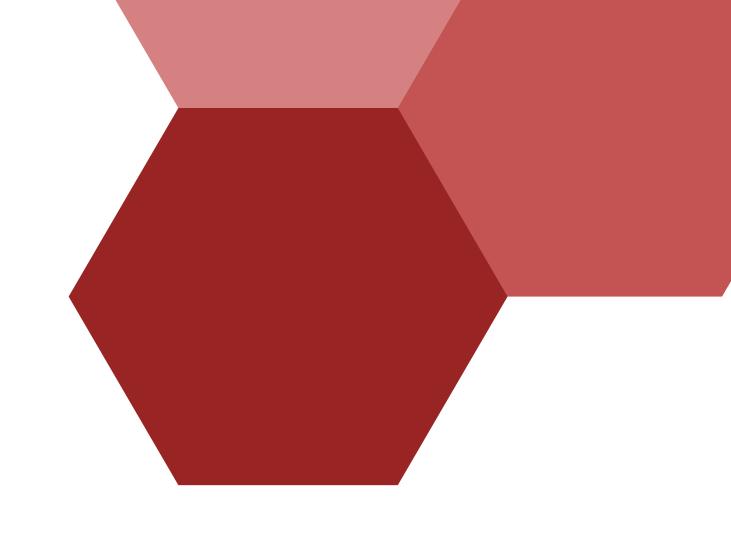
# CONTEXUAL STUDIES

TASK 01: PRECEDENT STUDIES

**TOPIC: ANIMATION** 

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### MY REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

The Anime That Stole My Heart and Here's Why



**《ONE PIECE》** 



《Haikyuu!!》



《Oshi no Ko》

### **CASE STUDY 01:** STUDY OF ONE PIECE'S WORLD VIEW

### Why?

I chose this as one of my topics because I like anime from the beginning. One Piece is also a series that I have been following for many years, and many of the chapters in it are worth remembering even if you look at them alone, and the characters are very rich in emotion. The anime is full of clips about friendship, passion, adventure, fairy tale, freedom, and family love.

#### When?

One Piece use two calendars, they are Age of the Sea Circle(海円暦) and Age of Heaven (天暦). The story of One Piece happened at 5000 years ago until current timeline.









### Where?

Dominating the world's surface is the Blue Sea, a body of saltwater broadly divided into quadrants: the East Blue, the West Blue, the North Blue, and the South Blue. These divisions are formed by two natural barriers that bisect the world at roughly perpendicular angles: The Grand Line and The Red Line.



#### Who?

Most of this story revolves around the pirates, the Navy and the Revolutionary Army. Of course there are exceptions like a country's princess and king and other important characters to promote the development of the storyline.

#### What?

Through this study, I have gained a more deep understanding of One Piece. I have understand the general worldview of this anime through the internet, and the main 3 major plots of this anime

#### How?

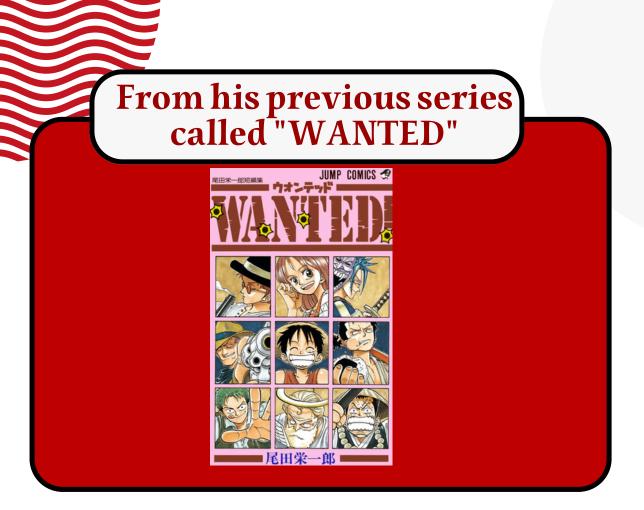
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### ABOUT ONE PIECE

One Piece is a popular Japanese manga and anime series created by Eiichiro Oda. The manga was first serialized in Weekly Shonen Jump magazine on July 19, 1997, and the anime adaptation premiered on October 20, 1999.

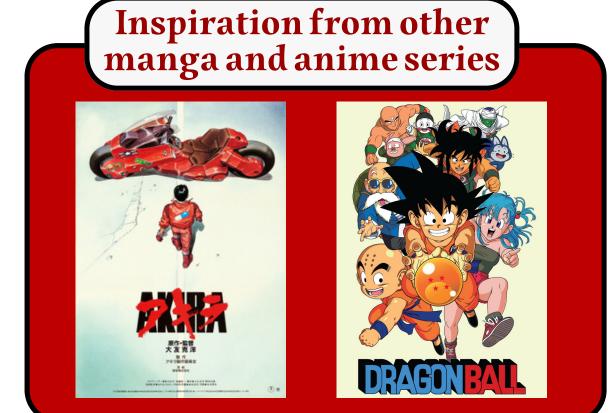
The story of One Piece follows the adventures of Monkey D. Luffy, a young pirate with rubber powers, as he and his crew of Straw Hat Pirates search for the ultimate treasure known as the One Piece, to become the Pirate King.

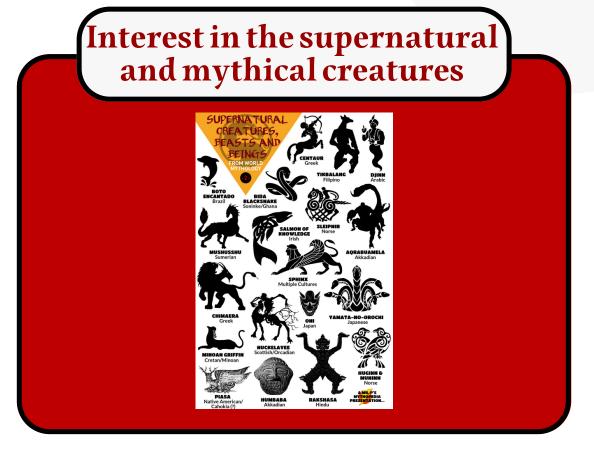










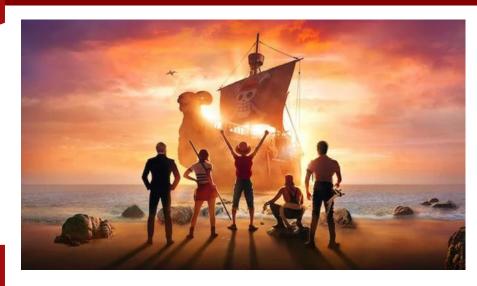


### VIEW POINT OF THIS ANIME

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#### **PREMISE**

One Piece is a pirate-themed adventure story about a young man named Monkey D. Luffy who sets out on a journey to find the ultimate treasure known as the One Piece, with a crew of eccentric and lovable characters.



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#### **CHARACTERS**

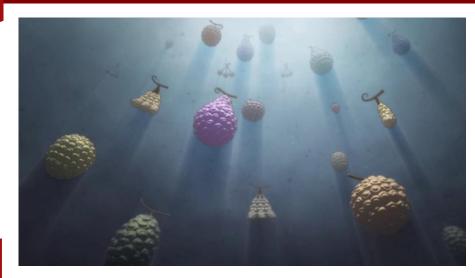
One Piece is known for its diverse cast of characters, each with their own distinct personalities, motivations, and backstories. Discuss some of your favourite characters and what makes them memorable.





### HIGHLIGHT THE UNIQUE ELEMENTS

Emphasize the aspects of One Piece that make it stand out from other anime and manga series, such as the imaginative world-building, the creative use of Devil Fruits, and the humour and heart that Oda infuses into every chapter.





#### **LONG-TERM STORYTELLING**

One Piece is a long-running series, with over 1,000 chapters of manga and 900 episodes of anime. Explain that the length of the series allows for a more in-depth exploration of the world and characters, and that the payoff is well worth the investment.



### Three major story line

These three lines represent major story arcs that are interconnected and drive the overarching narrative of One Piece forward. The mystery of the Void Century, Luffy's journey to become the Pirate King, and the conflict between the Revolutionary Army and the World Government are all integral parts of the One-Piece story, and provide a rich and complex world for the characters to explore.



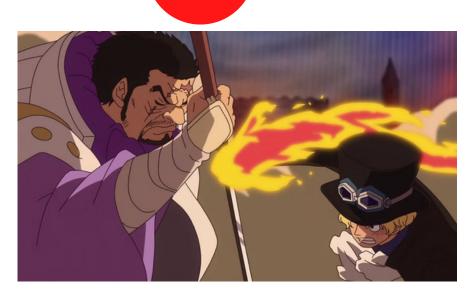
### **Mystery of the Void Century**

This is a period of 100 years in the One-Piece world that has been erased from history, and is shrouded in mystery. It is believed to have involved a great war between the Ancient Kingdom and the World Government, and the ultimate victory of the World Government. The Void Century has been alluded to throughout the series, and is a major point of interest for many characters.



### Luffy's journey to become the Pirate King

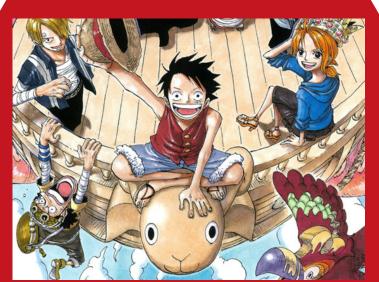
This is the main goal of the series, as Luffy sets out to become the Pirate King by finding the ultimate treasure, the One Piece. This is a long and arduous journey that takes him and his crew through a variety of adventures, battles, and challenges, as they gain new allies and enemies along the way.



### Conflict between the Revolutionary Army and the World Government

This is a secret organization led by Monkey D. Dragon, Luffy's father, that seeks to overthrow the World Government and establish a new world order. The Revolutionary Army has been hinted at throughout the series, but has only recently become a major plot point as the Straw Hat Pirates become involved in their conflict with the World Government.

# REASON WHY I LIKE ONE PIECE



Sense of Adventure

Humour and Lightheartedness



**Emotional Moments** 



Unique Characters



Epic Battles and Action

### CASE STUDY 02: STUDY OF HAIKYUU'S WORTH WATCHING PLOTS

### Why?

really liked it. The author portrayed the characters in a very rich characterization of the character, as though there were such people in real life, but of course part of the reason is that the author created the manga with reference to some real-life people. The anime depicts a lot of passion, friendship, competition, growth, suffering time, hard work, the anime brings us a lot of positive feeling, I especially like to watch this anime when I am down, because it will cheer me up.

#### When?

The story timeline is happened at year 2018-2022.

#### Where?

Many locations are seen in the anime, some based on real-life locations and some fictional.



#### Who?

There are many characters that appear in this anime, so I won't introduce them all. For better classification, it is better to use schools to classify them. The interesting thing about this anime is that all the characters here are the main protagonist. This is because when the author draws a certain plot, he will focus on the perspective of that person who is not the main role, although the perspective of this anime is all depicted in Karasuno high school

### What?

Through this study, I have gained a more deep understanding of Haikyuu!! . I have understand all the worth watching plots of this anime through the internet

### How?

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### ABOUT HAIKYUU!!

Haikyuu!!, also known as Haikyu!!, is a Japanese manga series written and illustrated by Haruichi Furudate. The manga series was first published in Weekly Shōnen Jump on February 20, 2012.

A series that centres around the theme of volleyball. It tells the story of a short boy named Hinata Shoyo and a genius setter named Kageyama Tobio, who join their high school's volleyball team and work hard to train and compete against various strong opponents.

### WHERE IDEA GET FROM?

- inspired to create the series after watching a volleyball game on television.
- According to an interview with Furudate, the fast-paced and dynamic nature of the sport, as well as the teamwork required to succeed, were what initially drew them to the game.
- Furudate began researching and studying the sport of volleyball extensively in order to accurately portray the game and its techniques in their manga. They also drew inspiration from real-life high school volleyball teams and players in Japan, incorporating their experiences and struggles into the story and characters of Haikyuu.

### Haruichi Furudate



### VIEW POINT OF THIS ANIME



Formation of the Karasuno Volleyball Team





Training Camps and Tournaments





First Match against Aoba Johsai

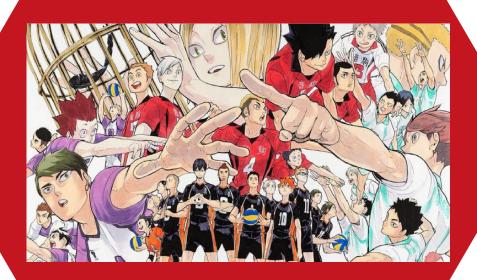




The Battle at the Nationals



# REASON WHY ILIKE HAIKYUU!!



Engaging and intense matches



Teamwork and camaraderie



Well-developed and relatable characters



Inspiring themes and positive messages



Blend of humor and emotional depth

### CASE STUDY 03: STUDY OF OSHI NO KO'S INTERESTING STORIES WHEN CREATED

### Why?

This is an anime that just came out in April, although I've seen the original myself. This anime is a little different from the two previously mentioned above, because the reaction I gave when I started watching this was not that I enjoyed it, but that I got goose bumps. The anime company only used the first episode to express what the anime wanted to express, which is, suspense and idols. I think it is very successful.

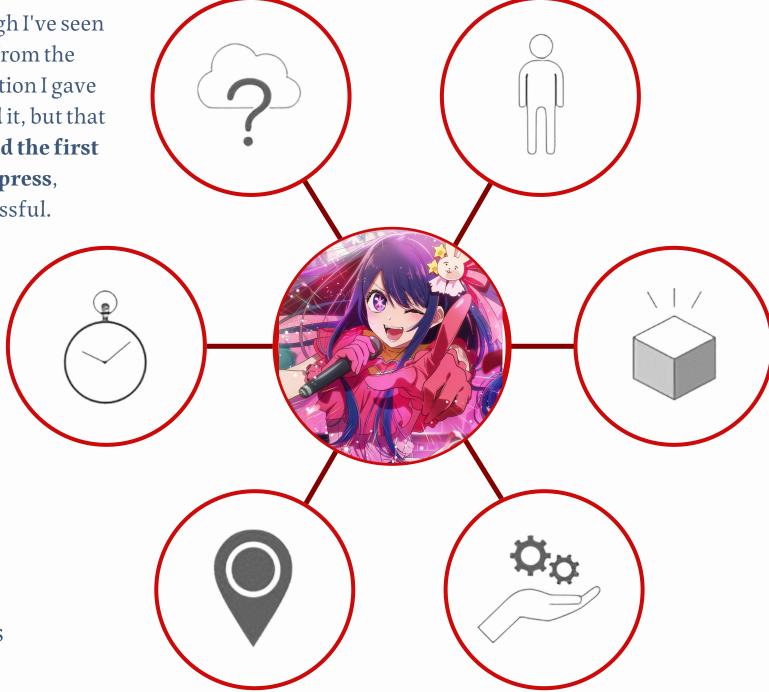
#### When?

The author did not indicate the timeline of the story.

But this anime was out during April 2023, is quite new.

#### Where?

The place where this anime appears is located in **Tokyo**, **Japan**. But I guess there is also Akihabara, because Akihabara is a particularly famous place to meet the idols.



#### Who?

This anime temporarily has 6 main characters and 6 supporting characters.

#### What?

Through this study, I have gained a more deep understanding of Oshi no Ko. I have understand the interest things when the author created this anime through the internet.

#### How?

I studied this anime by research from **internet**. There are many information on the internet nowadays.

### ABOUT OSHI NO KO

"Oshi no Ko" is a manga series written by Aka Akasaka and illustrated by Mengo Yokoyari. It was serialized in Weekly Young Jump magazine from April 2020 to January 2022. The anime adaptation of "Oshi no Ko" was announced and premiered in April 2023.

The story is largely about Gorou is an OB/GYN doctor working in a rural city. One day, his "oshi" from the popular group "B-Komachi", Hoshino Ai arrived to his hospital and surprised to be pregnant. He was accidentally murdered. As soon as he wakes up, he finds himself reborn as Ai's children. And so a story full of mystery and love-hate relationship begins in the entertainment circle

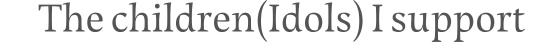


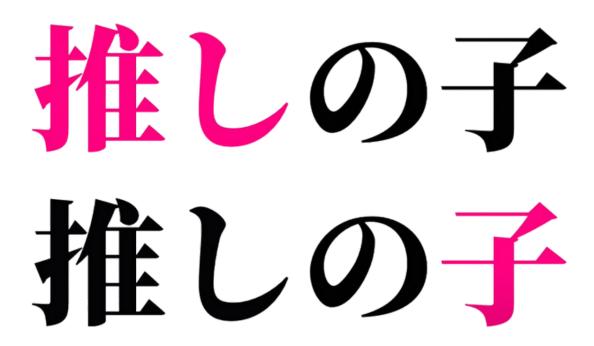
### What is the TITTLE about

# Oshi no Ko?

LIKE MANY PEOPLE KNOW, THE TITLE ITSELF IS A DOUBLE ENTENDRE.

THE AUTHOR'S CHOICE OF THIS TITLE AS THE NAME OF THE MANGA PUBLICATION IS REALLY VERY INTERESTING.



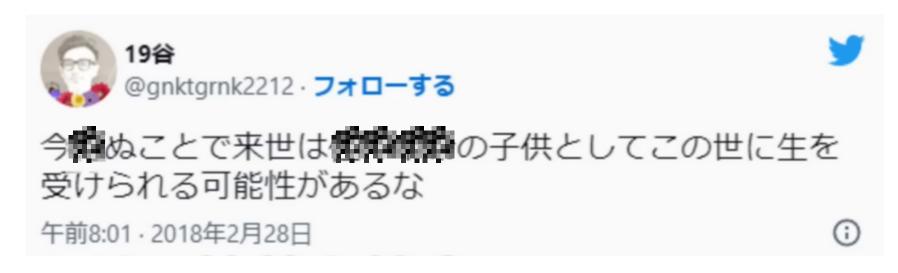


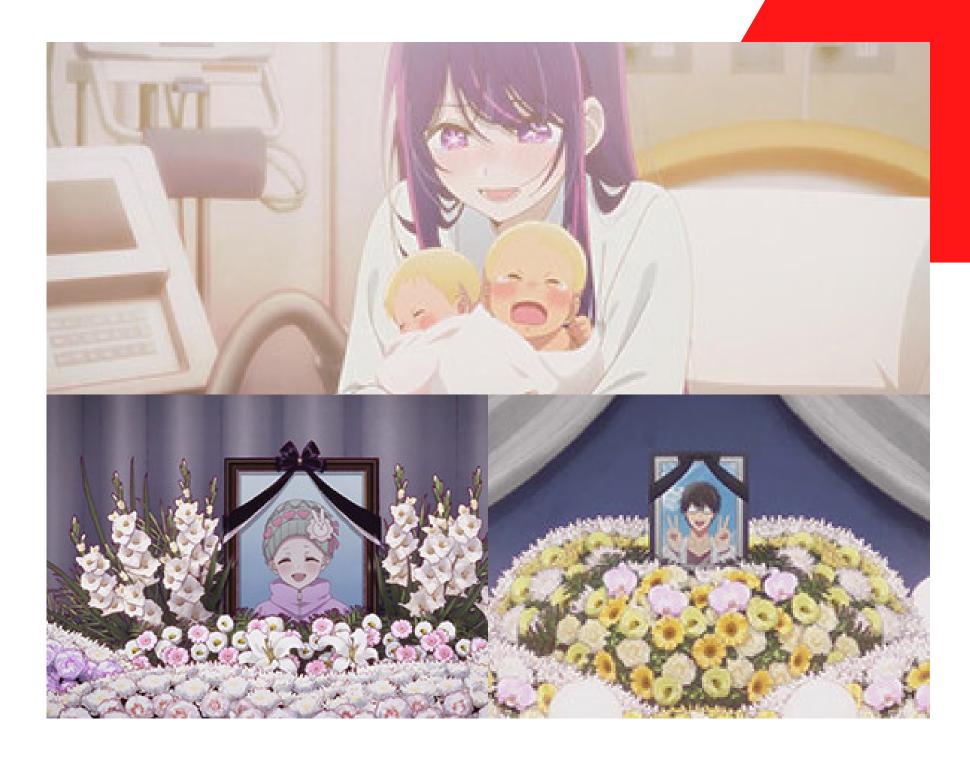
Children that born by my supported idols

### Where IDEA get from?

The source of inspiration for the entire anime comes from a long-existing internet meme from Japan. It is saying that those fans who really love their idols to death, whenever their push to get married and have children will begin to think:

"Now die and be reborn, then you can be xxx's child."





### VIEW POINT OF THIS ANIME



#### **SUSPENSE**

Watching the main character revealing who the father of the children really is? Who killed the protagonist actually? Step by step to find out the truth about the tragedy of that year.



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#### **IDOL**

Watch the protagonist two siblings in this full of illusion of the entertainment industry struggle upward journey, which will also bring a lot of the reality and behind a variety of industry rules and the dark side of the industry and other matters.



Oshi no Ko is to connect the various states of the entertainment industry wrapped up in lies with a line of revenge, and then exploring the contradictory emotions between the audience and the idols that are between fake and real, and difficult to interpret, "What is love exactly? What is a lie? In the end, why is it that these days, we all know that the characters on the screen, no matter how real they appear, are still wrapped up in a fake but will still fan the idols. These are the things we need to personally read to know.

# Reason why I like Oshi no Ko



### Unique premise

Oshi no Ko offers a fresh and unique take on the idol genre

SUSPENSE x IDOLS



### Well-developed characters

Not many characters appear, but each character has a part that is vital.



## Realistic portrayal of the idol industry

Oshi no Ko reveals a lot of the dark side of the entertainment industry, making the whole subject matter closer to reality



### Artwork and visuals

Whether it is a manga teacher or an animation production company responsible for character design, the images produced and the style of painting are excellent

### Conclusion

When I first chose anime for this topic, I was excited because I was doing something I was happy with. I think they shine more than anything else in my decadent time, **they give me special "meaning"**. I'm very ordinary, I don't have any strengths, I'm very feisty, I like to hide myself, but the moment they were there, it broke the concept of "loneliness", it made me not alone, I felt that there is really such a group of people in the world, **I know them, we are like friends**, **I want to have infinite continuing stories with them**. As for why these three anime? This is because the previous two have a **deep impact on me**, followed by the last one is one of the most attractive anime I've seen recently.

I'll just pick one of the three that I like and summarize it. From One Piece I really learned a lot, whether it is the **author's ideas** and **foreshadowing**, or the author trying to **express the point of view through this work**, there are places for me to learn. Personally, I think this work really let me the ordinary people also **experienced a lot of special different emotions**, from the first episode to the 1061st episode, from Luffy in the Windmill Village to the present Grand Line, from the beginning of the ordinary pirates to the current Four Emperors, which have experienced adventure, happy, funny, sad, great, sacrifice, big picture thinker, despicable, I watched him step by step closer and closer to reach his dream. He made me realize that **people should have expectations for the future**, just as he chased his dream step by step.

Through this anime, I also learned to **always cherish the people around me**, because disaster or illness does not tell us when it will come. And that we should **live like "people"**, do the things that people should do, live our life. The next is to **keep on fighting**, even if the chances are small, we should struggle for that glimmer of hope. Finally, **the weight of life**, **life is fragile**, **fragile is precious**, always remember the weight of one's life.

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