

Warm Up:

The Japanese style of animation known as *anime* is underpinned with narratives of community, loyalty and collective purpose. Its ubiquity feeds a growing appetite for the art form, becoming popular in the Middle East.

1. Work alone or form small groups of 3-4 students.
2. Orient yourself toward the article by focusing on its headline, and the large-type pull-quotes. Look at the photos and images, but don't read the captions.
3. Discuss or jot down a sentence or two about what you think is the main idea of the story. Brainstorm a few questions you hope will be answered by the time you're done reading and working with the article.