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Thread: [Guide] What should I do now?

Ryuku - *May 13, 2012, 4:41 pm*

[Guide] What should I do now?

Did you just finish watching (insert title here)? Did you just finish reading (insert title here)? Did you just finish playing (insert title here)?

STOP, DON'T MAKE A THREAD. Here's what you're going to do next:

e.g. Clannad (Anime):

Note - Open Notepad/Wordpad/Word/etc to keep a list of things that catch your attention.

[Anime Charts] -

If you would prefer something that is currently airing or due to air, then select something from the charts:

Code http://twitter.com/#!/animucharts
http://atxpieces.wordpress.com/author/atxpieces/
http://neregate.com/blog/anime-charts/
[ANN*] -

Search term/s > "Clannad"

Follow the link and you'll find a list of related titles that you can start on.

[*Baka-Updates Manga] -

1. For current or due to be released Manga - On the right hand side, you'll see a link "What's New!" which will lead you to a list for the current year. Play with the filters to suit your needs and then all you need to do is click on the title which will give you information such as the scanlation progress and user submitted reviews.

2. Use the search box to find the title that you just completed. On the main page of the title, there will be all the information you will need. This website is especially useful since most of the text contained are live links. Scroll down for more precise searches such as in the context of authors and artists.

3. Alternatively, you can find something via the other links on the right hand side such as "Genres", "Categories" and "Stats".

[Wikipedia*] -

1. Click on the developer's name and scroll all the way to the bottom where there's usually a box with the complete works. Choose something and go from there:

2. Similar to the first method, but instead by studio, director, or in other cases writer.

[MAL*] -

1. Copy one of the genres, character names, or people involved in the production and search for it in MAL using the search box in the right hand corner - Don't forget to use the selection menu.

Usually, there will be a list of results if there has been more than one production. Didn't know about one of them? Go and watch that. If not, there is a "Recommendations" tab that contains a list of user submitted titles. Sometimes, there are comments alongside to help you.

2. Same method as Wiki with the staff. Click on the "Characters & Staff" tab and go from there.

3. Advanced search - Instead of searching a term as in the first method, click on the magnifying glass icon and then "Advanced search" next to the other search box. This will bring you to the advanced search page. Play with the filters and you should find something that will suit your needs.

4. Click on the "Anime" tab, and then the "Top Anime" sub-tab (Same thing with the Manga tab). If you like jumping on bandwagons, then try one of those listed there.

[*BakaBt] -

Note - you do not need an account in order to do this.

At the very top, click on the link that says "Random" (you may have to do this a few times since there are no filters). Eventually however, you will find a title that should seem interesting enough to you.

[*anime-planet] -

1. anime-planet has a very handy tool that you can use to find titles easily. On the homepage, scroll down to where it says "Browse by Tags". Clicking on your choice of genre/theme should lead you to a list of things that you can take a shot at.

2. Same method as MAL #2.

3. Same method as MAL #3.

[*AnimeBytes] -

Note - You need an account in order to do this.

Note - This method is mainly for games, but you can use it for other media too.

Click on the "Torrents" tab and in the main box click "Game Search Options". Play with the filters and find a title you like.

[*VNDB] -

Note - This method is for games/visual novels.

Click on the "Visual Novels" link at the left hand side and use the arrows to play with the release date, popularity, and rating. The icons in the second column will alert you of the compatibility between systems and languages that the title is available in.

[Other Charts] -

Here are some recommendation charts you can look at as well. Thanks to elsie for the help.

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https://i.imgur.com/yLEK2VZ.jpg
https://i.imgur.com/cdBp3sg.jpg
Source:

Code http://animu-mango.wikia.com/wiki/Anime_Recommendations
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Ok, so now you should have a title or two that have caught your attention. Now you ask: "Wait, how do I know that this is good?" Here are a few things you can do:

1. Read the synopsis < THIS IS A MUST. Don't ever start something without knowing this.

2. Check for reviews < BE AWARE OF SPOILERS. Users should usually state whether their review contains them. If not, then don't read it, or at the very least, be careful. MAL, ANN and AP are places where you can find them. Otherwise:

Google > Search terms > "(insert title here) (insert media type here) review"

3. Check for ratings < As well as reviews, ratings are also a good factor to boost the ensurance.

4. Above all, if you read that it's bad and you think that you still may like it, GO FOR IT.

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If all else fails or you need that extra bit of re-assurance, then go ahead, make your damn thread.

Have a nice day.

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http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/
http://myanimelist.net/
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http://vndb.org/
http://www.mangaupdates.com/

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DoubleRainbow - *May 13, 2012, 4:49 pm*
Another great thread that will most likely fall to the second page. All great tips for newbs looking for something to watch. Nice contribution.

Rakshasa - *May 13, 2012, 5:52 pm*
Bump, this needs to stay at the top until newfags start to learn..

All of these half-assed recommendation threads make my eyes bleed -.-

Prox - *May 13, 2012, 5:58 pm*
Nice guide ^_^ ... Never thought about using the BakaBT random option to find Animes o.o Thanks <3

KernelMode - *May 13, 2012, 6:01 pm*
Thanks for the tutorial. Bookmarking it now. ?

Osuka - *May 13, 2012, 6:03 pm*
Nice guide man, and i agree with DR,
all good guides/threads die two the second page

and then forever lost. :<

BlackMan Hacker - *May 13, 2012, 7:18 pm*
:/... I.. Im a noob!?!!

I won't make no more "just finished" treads again

???? - *May 13, 2012, 8:08 pm*
Very HQ thread, should help out many people finding new anime.
Nice contribution and keep up the good work :).

Twisted. - *May 13, 2012, 8:44 pm*
Please keep this on the first page, please.

Very nice thread sir.

Sorun - *May 13, 2012, 8:53 pm*
no care

People still going to make recommendation threads

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Wojak - *May 13, 2012, 11:19 pm*
Good guide! Will use this when I run out of animes to watch which I won't for a couple of weeks ?

Sorun - *May 13, 2012, 11:32 pm*
(May 13, 2012 11:11 PM)Levi Wrote: [CITE] [img]http://screensnapr.com/e/TFbxyu.png[/img]
Sorry bro it's just i don't use my reaction folder much anymore since i barely go there now a day. Gotta let them out sometime.

Pikachu™ - *May 14, 2012, 2:26 am*
I use related search engines often, awesome share.

Off to finish a series~

Rakshasa - *May 14, 2012, 5:41 am*

(May 13, 2012 11:11 PM)Levi Wrote: [CITE] [img]http://screensnapr.com/e/ir3uio.png[/img]
Ohh shoot.. ?

Well, the truth is painful ;_;

Osuka - *May 14, 2012, 5:45 am*
(May 14, 2012 05:41 AM)LmfaoADoing Wrote: [CITE] Ohh shoot.. ?

Well, the truth is painful ;_;
its okay Broski i guess im a "New Fag" Also. :<

GL1TCH3D - *May 14, 2012, 6:13 am*
Very nice guide! I'll probably be using this, though, there's always going to be some anime that's not really looked up to that can be recommended by another member that you wouldn't necessarily see as a recommendation on sites like MAL.

?hadow - *May 14, 2012, 6:49 am*
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Ah, that's fun! xd
I just keep a list on MAL and which ever series happens to be on my microsd card is the one I'll watch.

Ice Queen - *May 14, 2012, 7:51 am*
(May 13, 2012 11:11 PM)Levi Wrote: [CITE] [img]http://screensnapr.com/e/ir3uio.png[/img]
You better know that I am the best new-fag around!

On-topic: Finally. Let's keep this at the top people, we need treads like these!

Ryuku - *May 14, 2012, 8:21 am*
New-fag or not, this applies to everyone.

I've now added Baka-Updates for the Manga readers.

Also, can anyone please let me know if the IRC is still active so that I can add that in?

Please link to this thread whenever you can too.

Thanks.

rinluvr - *May 14, 2012, 8:28 am*
Sexy Tutorial man. Bookmarking now.

Kotei - *May 14, 2012, 12:32 pm*
Not bad, but I prefer going to a site like AnimeFreak.tv, looking at their list of Anime, then going straight down the list.

Ice Queen - *May 14, 2012, 2:11 pm*
(May 14, 2012 12:32 PM)Xypher Wrote: *[CITE]* Not bad, but I prefer going to a site like AnimeFreak.tv, looking at their list of Anime, then going straight down the list.
You mean choosing the complete bottom one or just looking for a name that seems interesting?

Fun-fact: I found my favorite anime by random clicking in an anime list.

Kotei - *May 14, 2012, 2:46 pm*
(May 14, 2012 02:11 PM)Orihime Wrote: *[CITE]* You mean choosing the complete bottom one or just looking for a name that seems interesting?
No, by starting at the top and working my way down.

·Lawliet· - *May 14, 2012, 5:20 pm*
Amazing guide nonetheless =D
Will try to attach it to my sig if you don't mind =]

Ryuku - *May 14, 2012, 5:26 pm*
That would be great Lawliet. Thank you! :)

Ice Queen - *May 15, 2012, 2:05 pm*
(May 14, 2012 05:20 PM)·Lawliet· Wrote: *[CITE]* Amazing guide nonetheless =D
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Yeah, I will do this too. Spread the love, halt the crowd~

Esteem - *May 15, 2012, 2:25 pm*
HQ thread I guess, thanks for the pointers :3

Ryuku - *May 17, 2012, 8:03 am*
You're very welcome Esteem and thank you Orihime.

Spoiler (Click to View)Bumpy y.

kh40sd0g - *May 17, 2012, 10:47 am*
Very very helpful thread indeed. Haven't watched any anime and months, just couldn't find anything I liked. Now I know :D

Ryuku - *May 21, 2012, 6:12 am*
Glad to help kh40sd0g.

Spoiler (Click to View)Don't mind me, just poking this.

Tasemu - *May 21, 2012, 10:20 am*
Truly excellent guide! Even i learned some cool stuff from reading this. ^^

Ryuku - *May 28, 2012, 1:21 pm*
Thank you Tasemu.

Spoiler (Click to View)Poke Poke Poking this.

Jaylez - *May 28, 2012, 1:26 pm*
thanks for the thread op very helpful

Ryuku - *June 25, 2012, 4:14 am*

Thank you Jaylez.

25/06/2012 - I've updated the thread with charts now. Thanks to elsie for providing it in another thread.

elsie - *June 26, 2012, 12:38 pm*
(May 13, 2012 04:41 PM)Ryuku Wrote: *[CITE]* Here are some recommendation charts you can look at as well. I don't know the source, but credits to elsie for providing it in another thread.

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Providing source: http://animu-mango.wikia.com/wiki/Anime_Recommendations

It's pretty much a bunch of charts from /a/ thrown together in one huge image.

Here's also 2 other charts for VNs made by /jp/
http://zingaburga.com/assassinator/ImageStash/eroge/1297656105528.jpg
http://0-media-cdn.foolz.us/ffuuka/board/jp/image/1332/12/1332123243178.jpg

Premortal - *June 26, 2012, 12:54 pm*
I've actually been looking for animes with a similar sort of method for a while now. Of course, I always want to consult some of the AA community if I'm not sure about a series.

Ryuku - *June 26, 2012, 3:07 pm*
Many thanks elsie. zZParadoxZz, that's fine as long as you've tried to search yourself beforehand.

Zimton - *June 26, 2012, 4:16 pm*
This deserves to be stickied, Good work on this.

Ryuku - *July 27, 2012, 8:41 am*
Thanks Zimton.

Spoiler (Click to View)27/07/2012: Poking for summerfags.

Coo - *July 27, 2012, 10:15 am*
I just wanna cuddle ryuku, vaginas really freak me out.
Do you want the little or big spoon?

On Topic: Thank you for this.

Arruke - *July 27, 2012, 10:24 am*
This is a very HQ thread, but I feel as though recommendation threads still fit in the AA section and people like recommending anime to people, but that's just my opinion on the subject.

Ryuku - *July 31, 2012, 12:39 pm*
Thanks guys, and Arruke, notice the last line in the first post.

This needs poking yet again.

Ice Queen - *August 2, 2012, 11:28 am*
Either it's just me or all of the images above are broken...

Voice - *August 2, 2012, 11:35 am*
Sorry, but who would actually read all of this? ESPECIALLY since I can't even tell what threads you

are trying to avoid by the title or the first couple of sentences. All I know from reading some of this is that you're trying to get people to not make a certain type of thread.

Ice Queen - *August 2, 2012, 12:17 pm*
(Aug 2, 2012 11:35 AM)Voice Wrote: [CITE] Sorry, but who would actually read all of this? ESPECIALLY since I can't even tell what threads you are trying to avoid by the title or the first couple of sentences. All I know from reading some of this is that you're trying to get people to not make a certain type of thread.
A.K.A. write down that you do not want any "I need a new anime/VN/Manga" threads made.

Ryuku - *August 2, 2012, 4:01 pm*
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They're fine on my side.

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(Aug 2, 2012 12:17 PM)Orihime Wrote: [CITE] A.K.A. write down that you do not want any "I need a new anime/VN/Manga" threads made.
It's not hard to figure out what I'm talking about. Everybody else understands it. It's your problem if you're too lazy to read it.

Anyway, Orihime just summed it up for you - I'm trying to prevent any unnecessary recommendation threads. By all means people can make those threads, but I'm helping them first by offering alternative methods to finding something new, other than to just asking AA.

·Lawliet· - *August 20, 2012, 9:51 pm*
Noticed the non-ending battle against "not so useful threads" has risen again.
This seriously need a sticky.

SIM-73089 - *August 21, 2012, 10:36 am*
Should be stickied.

The tutorial is as detailed as any person would ever need it to be.

err..Bump?

Wojak - *August 21, 2012, 2:14 pm*
When someone asks for a new anime to watch, I always link them to this thread ?

Ryuku - *August 26, 2012, 12:27 pm*
It's been a while. Thanks for all the support guys.

-Jonniy- - *September 28, 2012, 6:25 pm*
This is one of those high quality guides which tend to be ignored.
That is a sad fact as it is one which is really handy, especally for those who are new (or have watched less than 50 anime) to anime.
It even helps out users who have watched many anime as a quick reference, bundling many useful links.
In addition to the provided information it is written in a comprehensive manner and is easy to understand.

I wanted to this guide for some time but i thought that i should give some feedback.

Wojak - *September 28, 2012, 6:32 pm*
I really think this thread should get stickied. There's too many people making "New anime to watch" threads

Ryuku - *October 3, 2012, 4:54 pm*
It's been a while. Thanks for all the support as usual.

Hentai? - *October 3, 2012, 5:39 pm*
Post something else Ryuku. No C and P your old comments. ;)
This should be a sticky honestly it's really helpful. Not that I might still ask for recommendations sometimes. ;)

Ryuku - *October 4, 2012, 2:50 pm*
C&P? I did change it, slightly ;)

Also, I've said before that it's perfectly fine to ask for recommendations but as long as you've tried to search yourself before hand.

Zero® - *October 4, 2012, 4:02 pm*
Great little guide, mate. Thanks for the post, it'll save me a lot of trouble :P

Yoko_ - *October 4, 2012, 10:40 pm*
I'm loving the guide, it should help out a lot of people. Here's me keeping it on the 1st page for ya :)

2awesome4u - *October 5, 2012, 3:22 am*
Good timing. I was about to post a thread about a similar Anime like (insert title here), then I saw this :P

Thanks for the guide.

Zero® - *October 6, 2012, 12:51 pm*
Great Thread. Thanks for the help, will definitely use this.

aaaaaaa - *October 7, 2012, 3:24 am*
Very nice thread. thnx will defo use this for future.

Yugi - *October 8, 2012, 2:30 pm*
Such a detailed thread! Thanks for the info.

Sorrow - *October 11, 2012, 8:19 am*
This is a great tutorial for anyone who is new to anime
to look at and learn how to find new shows to watch.

Thanks for the guide,

-Sorrow

Black Hole - *November 22, 2012, 8:15 pm*
Why hasn't this been stickied yet?

While going in and telling every new recommendation thread poster that they should look at stickes is good for my post count, I really would rather spend my time doing something else in AA :3

Ryuku - *August 18, 2013, 10:23 am*
I'm digging this because fuck you.

I'll probably make it an info-graphic later if I have time.

·Lawliet· - *January 18, 2015, 3:59 pm*
I'm digging this up to the top with Ryuku's permission, hopefully this will save many people's time and a whole ton of threads on AA as it has done in the past, altogether with the stickies.

Spoiler (Click to View)This imo should be sticked, but until then imma b u m p it every now and then so fuck you =P

Noctua - *January 18, 2015, 6:18 pm*
Lol really nice tut OP, I'm gonna bookmark this

·Lawliet· - *January 23, 2015, 6:39 am*
(Jan 18, 2015 07:18 PM)Noctua Wrote: *[CITE]* Lol really nice tut OP, I'm gonna bookmark this
It is, I have it bookmarked since ever, that's how I found it easily again after a while =P.

Kiyoshi - *January 23, 2015, 8:49 am*
Nice thread - I'll post to it a little bit.
And a thumb up for you, sir. ^_^