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Nerdi - January 26, 2017, 5:29 pm

I can't stand animes that seem old fashioned or poorly made. For example, Naruto is painful for me to watch. The graphics suck, it's slow moving, and I hate their voices. Avatar on the other hand is more modern. The graphics are nicer, it's fast paced and more Americanized. Legend of Korra is obviously similar. My newest favorite is Sword Art Online. However, these are literally the only 3 animes I actually enjoy.

Are there any other anime shows that are:

- "Americanized"
- Modern or futuristic
- good graphics
- good plot
- good dialogue / sound effects

Thanks!

edit: I also really enjoyed Deadman Wonderland because of its unique plot

DoubleRainbow - January 26, 2017, 6:27 pm

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VA Tragedy - January 26, 2017, 6:31 pm

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Another one I watched & loved, which I forgot to include in OP, was Deadman Wonderland. That was a great show.

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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anime>

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I don't mind where it's from. Anime, to me and many others (as I've found in my research / asking people), is a style of animation that can be created by anyone, anywhere.

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Under the definition that you (and others/Wikipedia) have provided, if Sword Art Online was created in America, it would not be an anime...even if it looked, felt, and was literally exactly the same. That definition doesn't make much sense in that context. If an American (who has Japanese parents) makes an anime identical to the style in Japan, is it not an anime because he produced it in America and is an American citizen? Is it only half anime because he's only half Japanese? Also, let's not forget that a lot of Japanese anime is actually produced by Korean animators. So, why is it still labeled as anime, even if the artists are TECHNICALLY producing Korean animation? It can't be

because they're living in Japan because that wouldn't make sense either. The country is wrongly included in the definition of anime. If country had anything to do with what anime is then Americans could gain Japanese citizenship through marriage, make a knockoff of Spongebob and call it anime.

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edit: Sorry if this post sounds like I'm coming off as rude. I'm strong in my opinions (but still willing to change them). I hope you don't take this the wrong way... I developed a bad habit of debating instead of discussing a long time ago.

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F?cgle?? - January 26, 2017, 7:50 pm

Have you tried Bleach? It was my immediate favorite after I tore through Sword Art Online. Watch a few episodes and see what you think.

g?th - January 26, 2017, 7:51 pm

DRRR has really good art, give that a try!

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Fair enough, you're right. It's not worth being fought over, even if we disagree on it. Regardless, these anime and non-anime (or perhaps anime lol) shows are fun to watch. I see that we +repped each other at pretty much the same time. I went to rep you for a good chat, and when your rep page refreshed, I noticed someone had +repped me. I like how we both clearly were happy to have had this conversation, even if we disagreed. Too many HF members get in a small debate like this and then act petty & dickish because of it. Thanks for your insight into anime and non-anime.

lolodatboi - January 26, 2017, 8:59 pm

try Re-Zero it was basically the SAO of 2016

Getsuga - January 26, 2017, 9:48 pm

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Kashira - January 26, 2017, 10:38 pm

I'd suggest you to watch ERASED if you haven't already. Last anime I've watched since I mostly read manga/webtoons now. =)

Gladly - January 26, 2017, 11:16 pm

Psycho-Pass fits the bill pretty well: <https://myanimelist.net/anime/13601/Psycho-Pass>

Here's a PV for it, I don't really think it does it justice though. Better to watch a few episodes and decide for yourself.

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70zW21I5ZUU>]

Nerdi - January 27, 2017, 3:45 am

(Jan 26, 2017 10:48 PM)Kohh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

What

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GenericSkid - January 27, 2017, 4:08 am

Here's a few anime I enjoyed.

Ergo Proxy: Slower plot, but interesting/dark atmosphere makes it a good watch, especially if you're in a mellow mood

Description [\(Click to View\)](#)

Within the domed city of Romdo lies one of the last human civilizations on Earth. Thousands of years ago, a global ecological catastrophe doomed the planet; now, life outside these domes is virtually impossible. To expedite mankind's recovery, "AutoReivs," humanoid-like robots, have been created to assist people in their day-to-day lives. However, AutoReivs have begun contracting an enigmatic disease called the "Cogito Virus" which grants them self-awareness. Re-I Mayer, granddaughter of Romdo's ruler, is assigned to investigate this phenomenon alongside her AutoReiv partner Iggy. But what begins as a routine investigation quickly spirals into a conspiracy as Re-I is confronted by humanity's darkest sins.

Redline: You know how Star Wars: A Phantom Menace had that pod racing section? Imagine if it was actually interesting.

Description ([Click to View](#))

Every five years, an exhilarating race called Redline is held, and the universe's most anticipated competition has only one rule: that there are none. Racers are pushed to their absolute limit—a feeling that daredevil driver JP knows all too well. Having just qualified to participate in Redline, he is eager to battle against the other highly skilled drivers. But this year's Redline may be far more dangerous than usual...

JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: Probably the most "Americanized" anime I can recommend. Its first season may be slow, but it [gets](#) good real quick afterwards.

Description ([Click to View](#))

You were expecting a description, but it was me, Dio!

Wolf Children: Movie about a Werewolf and human couple and the challenges of raising wolf children. Excellent story, graphics, and soundtrack.

Description ([Click to View](#))

Hana, a hard-working college student, falls in love with a mysterious man who attends one of her classes though he is not an actual student. As it turns out, he is not truly human either. On a full moon night, he transforms, revealing that he is the last werewolf alive. Despite this, Hana's love remains strong, and the two ultimately decide to start a family.

Beelzebub: Another high school comedy series, but I liked this one. Intro songs were pretty good too.

Description ([Click to View](#))

Ishiyama High is a school populated entirely by delinquents, where nonstop violence and lawlessness are the norm. However, there is one universally acknowledged rule—don't cross first year student Tatsumi Oga, Ishiyama's most vicious fighter.

Mafty Navue Erin - January 27, 2017, 7:48 am

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Seiren has good animation give it a try

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OK

tell me where the "japanese" definition is.

fkoffcheater - January 31, 2017, 9:04 pm

People like you are what ruin anime, and I don't mean to be offensive. This is why people now only put out contentless garbage that are easy on the eyes.