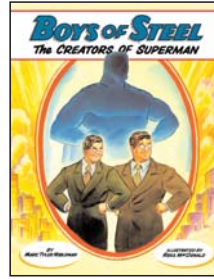




JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER

The creators of Superman
1914–1996 and 1914–1992 respectively

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BOYS OF STEEL: THE CREATORS OF SUPERMAN

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CELEBRATE THE
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OF THE
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OF ALL TIME!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Writer Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Shuster were two high school misfits who created the Man of Steel to reflect all the things they were not.
- Jerry and Joe's *Superman* comic strips were turned down by editors for over three years. Finally a publisher said yes and asked them to rearrange their comic strips to fit the new comic book format. They sold all rights to the character for a mere \$130.
- *Superman* debuted during the time of the Great Depression and World War II. With men going off to war, people were drawn to a hero they knew would always come home.

AFTER YOU READ BOYS OF STEEL

- The excitement of creating *Superman* kept Jerry up all night writing and Joe busy all day drawing. How did Jerry and Joe turn their passion into a career? What work have you felt passionate about in your own life? What type of careers could your hobbies develop into?
- If you had a superpower, what would it be? Draw a comic strip of a larger-than-life version of yourself. Then add a storyline and speech bubbles with your thoughts.
- Collaborate with a friend to invent a new superhero for the 21st century. Come up with the superhero's name, powers, character traits, clothing, and a slogan. Think about the concerns of today's citizens as you make your decisions.