

SUPERMAN (1938)

Superman is a direct result of writer and co-creator Jerry Siegel's inability to get girls when he was a young man. As a high school student, he once explained, I fell in love with several attractive girls who either didn't know I existed or didn't care I existed. I thought: "What if I was real terrific? What if I had something special going for me, like jumping over buildings or throwing cars around? Then maybe they would notice me."

Siegel and Joe Shuster, the other creator, named their character after movie actors Clark Gable and Kent Taylor, and named his hometown after the Fritz Lang science fiction movie Metropolis. Lois Lane was inspired by a woman named Lois Amster, whom Shuster had fallen in love with when he was in school.

Superman never married Lois Lane -but Shuster, who modelled Clark Kent after himself, eventually married Joanne Carter, the woman he had hired to model for Lois Lane.

4. Write 80 words about this topic: Do you like Superman adventures? What is your comic hero?(10 points)

1. Answer the following questions according to the text (5 points).

- Who created superman?
- Did girls like Siegel when he was at school? Why?
- Who inspired the name of Clark Kent?
- Who did Joanne Carter marry ?

2. Find words or expressions in the text that have the same or similar meaning to (3 points):

Perhaps:

Pretty:

Film:

Incapability:

Maker:

Finally :

3. Choose the correct modal verbs. (2 points)

- I might/can pass the exam. I'm not sure.
- She's very intelligent but she doesn't get good marks. She mustn't/can't be working very hard.
- The man looks very important. He must/can be the head teacher.
- This woman is in danger i But don't worry, Superman will/may save her.