

YEAR 3

Reading Day 4

Thursday

Unit focus: Angry Earth  
Text focus: Information Text

# HISTORY OF COMIC BOOKS STAGE 3

Comic books have been around for more than a hundred years. The first comic is thought to be The Yellow Kid in McFadden's Flats which was published in 1897. The first comic book to introduce a well-known superhero was Action Comics. The first issue introduced Superman in 1938. Batman turned up less than a year later.

## THE GOLDEN AGE

Sales of comics have always been a lot higher in the United States than anywhere else. The Golden Age of comics was between 1938 and 1956. This is when they sold more copies than ever and they rose in popularity the most. Many of the most popular superheroes today owe their fame to the Golden Age of comics.

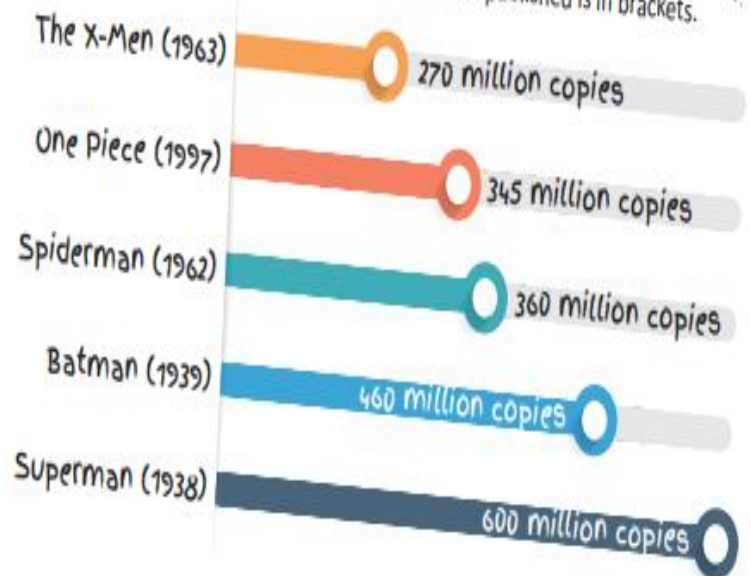


## DID YOU KNOW?

Stan Lee created Iron Man in 1963. He wanted to create a character, who children at the time mightn't like, as a dare. He challenged himself to make the character likeable even though it represented one thing most children in the 1960s hated, which was war.

## TOP FIVE

These are the top five selling comics of all time. The year each one was first published is in brackets.



**Reading  
Mission**  
30 mins

Children to read or be supported to read 'History of Comic Books'.  
**After, they can answer these questions. These can be verbal answers or they could be written down or typed. Suggested answers are underneath.**

### RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. When was Iron Man created?
2. When was the Golden Age of comics?
3. Which character was first introduced in 1938?
4. Which comic introduced Superman?
5. In what year was the comic that has sold 345 million copies first published?

### VIPERS QUESTIONS

**S**

Which comics have sold more copies than Spiderman?

**I**

Why was it called the Golden Age for comics?

**I**

Why do you think Stan Lee dared himself to create an unlikeable character?

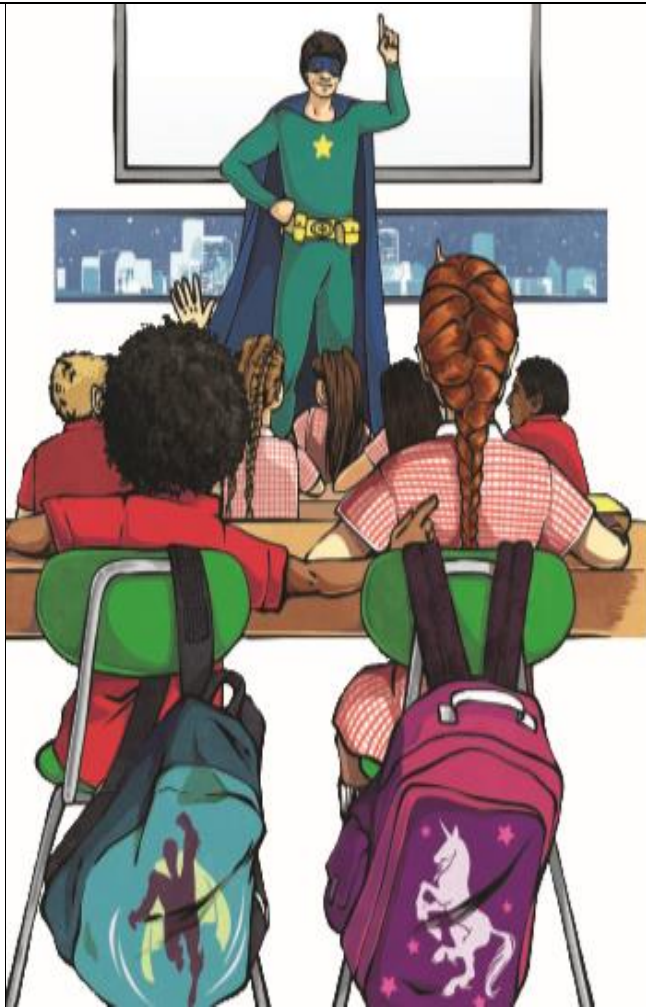
**V**

Find a word or phrase that means "arrived".

**V**

What does the phrase "owe their fame" mean?

	<p>Answers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1963</li><li>2. 1938 - 1956</li><li>3. Superman</li><li>4. Action Comics</li><li>5. 1996</li></ol> <p>S: Batman and Superman</p> <p>I: They sold more copies than before and grew in popularity</p> <p>I: To see if he could make it likeable and have people still buy it/as a challenge to himself</p> <p>V: Turned up</p> <p>V: They are famous because of</p>
<p>Writing Mission 30 mins</p>	<p>Your mission is to continue the story as if you were Benji? Write a paragraph, using your imagination to make your writing exciting, lively and interesting. You might want to write down some ideas and tell someone your ideas before writing them down. Can you include some speech in your writing?</p>



## Superpowers

"If you could have a superpower, what would it be?"

Dressed up in a brightly-coloured costume with a blue cape, Miss Higgins was posing the question to both her class and Mr Jay's as both groups of children crowded into one hot classroom together at the end of another lesson working on their 'superheroes' topic. It was a topic that had sparked great enthusiasm so far, from children and teachers alike. Mr Jay was sporting a navy cape over a teal all-in-one suit with a gadget belt, a mask and long yellow boots.

"I would definitely choose to fly!" suggested someone.

"I want to freeze time!" said another.

"I'd be invisible so I could spy on people or scare them!" laughed Benji.

"Interesting ideas," Mr Jay smiled. "Although I'm not sure that's such a kind choice, Benji. Perhaps you might think of what good your powers could be used for instead of spying and scaring people."

Maths  
Mission  
30 mins

Your mission is to use your times tables knowledge to answer the following questions. Remember to work it out on paper if you find it difficult to do it in your head.

1. In a shop, coloured pencils are sold in packs. Each pack contains 7 coloured pencils. If the shopkeeper sells 8 packs, how many pencils are sold altogether?

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2. Mrs Bradshaw had a bag containing 18 sweets. She shared the sweets between her 3 children. How many sweets did each child get?

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3. On holiday, Noah swam 12 metres every day. After 7 days of swimming, how many metres had he swum?

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4. Mercedes works every day of the week, apart from weekends. She works for 4 hours each day. How many hours will she work in 1 week?

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5. There are 21 people standing in line at a taxi rank. Each time a taxi comes, 3 people get in. How many taxis are needed to carry all 21 people?

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6. At Sunny Lodge nursery, there are 9 teachers. Each teacher cares for 5 children. How many children are there in total?

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1. Ada is having a birthday party. She thinks that each person will each 4 biscuits each. If there are 8 people at the party, how many biscuits will she need?

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2. The Sadiq family were having a bonfire party. They bought some sparklers to share with the whole family. Sparklers are packed into boxes of 6. They bought 9 boxes. How many sparklers did they have altogether?

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3. A chef made blueberry pancakes for breakfast. He used 72 blueberries in total. He placed 9 blueberries on each pancake. How many pancakes did he make?

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4. In a recipe, it says you need to use 12g of chocolate chips per cupcake. Freya wishes to make 8 cupcakes. How many grams of chocolate chips will she need?

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5. On Monday, Sheila's Shoe Shop sold 24 pairs of shoes. Each customer bought 2 pairs. How many customers bought shoes that day?

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6. Jack has 4 friends over for tea. They have 4 fish fingers each. How many fish fingers does his dad need to cook altogether?

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## Answers

1. In a shop, coloured pencils are sold in packs. Each pack contains 7 coloured pencils. If the shopkeeper sells 8 packs, how many pencils are sold altogether?

$$7 \times 8 = 56$$

2. Mrs Bradshaw had a bag containing 18 sweets. She shared the sweets between her 3 children. How many sweets did each child get?

$$18 \div 3 = 6$$

3. On holiday, Noah swam 12 metres every day. After 7 days of swimming, how many metres had he swum?

$$7 \times 12 = 84$$

4. Mercedes works every day of the week, apart from weekends. She works for 4 hours each day. How many hours will she work in 1 week?

$$5 \times 4 = 20$$

5. There are 21 people standing in line at a taxi rank. Each time a taxi comes, 3 people get in. How many taxis are needed to carry all 21 people?

$$21 \div 3 = 7$$

6. At Sunny Lodge nursery, there are 9 teachers. Each teacher cares for 5 children. How many children are there in total?

$$9 \times 5 = 45$$

1. Ada is having a birthday party. She thinks that each person will each 4 biscuits each. If there are 8 people at the party, how many biscuits will she need?

$$4 \times 8 = 32$$

2. The Sadiq family were having a bonfire party. They bought some sparklers to share with the whole family. Sparklers are packed into boxes of 6. They bought 9 boxes. How many sparklers did they have altogether?

$$6 \times 9 = 54$$

3. A chef made blueberry pancakes for breakfast. He used 72 blueberries in total. He placed 9 blueberries on each pancake. How many pancakes did he make?

$$72 \div 9 = 8$$

4. In a recipe, it says you need to use 12g of chocolate chips per cupcake. Freya wishes to make 8 cupcakes. How many grams of chocolate chips will she need?

$$12 \times 8 = 96\text{g}$$

5. On Monday, Sheila's Shoe Shop sold 24 pairs of shoes. Each customer bought 2 pairs. How many customers bought shoes that day?

$$24 \div 2 = 12$$

6. Jack has 4 friends over for tea. They have 4 fish fingers each. How many fish fingers does his dad need to cook altogether?

$$5 \times 4 = 20 \text{ (including Jack)}$$



Topic  
Mission

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