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DC Comics Icons

DC Comics is an American comic book publisher whose publications mainly belong to what is called the DC Universe. Its most famous heroes and villains are Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, The Joker, Lex Luthor, Catwoman or the Penguin. It is the biggest competitor of Marvel Comics.

Here are some interesting facts about DC Comics icons that you probably didn't know:

1. The Joker and Harley Quinn were supposed to be throwaway characters. However, they became so popular that they have been Batman's enemies for decades now.
2. The very first Batman was blond.
3. Wonder Woman was originally called Suprema.
4. In *Superman: True Brit* (2004), Superman was British. In this comic, Clark Kent is called Colin Clark and falls in love with Louisa Layne-Ferret who works for the *Daily Smear*.
5. Originally, Superman couldn't fly.
6. Clark Kent also exists in some Marvel comics, except that he is just a journalist and not a superhero.
7. Marvel decided to hyphen Spider-Man's name so that people wouldn't confuse him with Superman.



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Teaching ideas

☆☆☆ **CYCLE 3** - In groups, have students imagine a new superhero they will have to describe to the rest of the class. You can team up with Art teachers to make students draw their superhero.

☆☆☆ **LYCÉE** - Ask students to watch the official trailer of *The Batman* with Robert Pattinson and to prepare a radio show on the release of the movie. Have them compare it with previous *Batman* movies and discuss the cultural impact of *Batman*.