

# HOW TO READ A COMIX PAGE

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## CHESTER THE CRAB WHO WAS AMERICA'S 1<sup>ST</sup> "UNCLE SAM"?

CHESTER IS HELPING TYLER AND HIS FIRST GRADE CLASS MAKE A PATRIOTIC PARADE FLOAT:

WE COULD PASTE THIS SHAPE ON THE FLOAT.

IS THAT ABRAHAM LINCOLN??

PRESIDENT LINCOLN MAY INSPIRE LATER VERSIONS OF THIS AMERICAN SYMBOL. BUT THE LEGEND OF UNCLE SAM BEGINS WAY BEFORE ABE!

SAMUEL WILSON IS BORN IN MASSACHUSETTS IN 1766. HE JOINS HIS DAD AND TWO BROTHERS IN FIGHTING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

AFTER AMERICA WINS ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN, WILSON STARTS A MEATPACKING BUSINESS IN NEW YORK. HE SUPPLIES MEAT TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE WAR OF 1812 AGAINST BRITAIN.

HERE YOU GO COURTESY OF "UNCLE SAM" WILSON

THERE'S THE BEEF!

THE SOLDIERS WHO EAT THE BEEF JOKE THAT THEY ARE IN "UNCLE SAM'S ARMY." SOME PEOPLE THINK THE FIRST UNCLE SAM CHARACTER COMES FROM POLITICAL CARTOONISTS, WHO BEGIN TO DRAW HIM IN THE 1830s.

IN THE 1840s, A CLOWN NAMED DAN RICE DRESSES AS UNCLE SAM. LATER VERSIONS ADOPT HIS COSTUME. CARTOONISTS ADD LINCOLN-LIKE CHIN WHISKERS TO UNCLE SAM DURING THE CIVIL WAR. SEE HOW A SYMBOL CAN GROW AND CHANGE?

A FAMOUS POSTER OF UNCLE SAM IS MADE IN WORLD WAR I BY JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAG.

NEXT: STONE FACES