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| Superman is a fictional [superhero](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superhero) appearing in [American comic books](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_comic_book) published by [DC Comics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DC_Comics). The character was created by writer | Superman resides and operates | a Metropolis newspaper |
| [Jerry Siegel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry_Siegel) and artist [Joe Shuster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Shuster), high school students living in [Cleveland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleveland), Ohio, in 1933. They sold Superman to Dete | in the fictional American | . Superman's love interest |
| ctive Comics, the future [DC Comics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DC_Comics), in 1938. Superman debuted in [*Action Comics*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Action_Comics) [#1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Action_Comics_1) ([cover-dated](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cover-date) June 1938) and subsequently | city of [Metropolis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropolis_(comics)) | is generally [Lois Lane](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lois_Lane) |
| appeared in various radio serials | . As [Clark Kent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clark_Kent) | , and his archenemy |
| , [newspaper strips](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comic_strip), television programs, films | , he is a journalist for the | is [supervillain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supervillain" \o "Supervillain) [Lex Luthor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lex_Luthor" \o "Lex Luthor) |
| , and video games. | [*Daily Planet*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daily_Planet), | . He is typically a |

The [origin story of Superman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Origin_of_Superman) relates that he was born **Kal-El** on the alien planet [Krypton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krypton_(planet)), before being rocketed to [Earth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth) as an infant by his scientist father [Jor-El](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jor-El" \o "Jor-El), moments before Krypton's destruction. Discovered and adopted by [a Kansas farmer and his wife](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ma_and_Pa_Kent), the child is raised as **Clark Kent** and imbued with a strong moral compass. Very early on he started to display various[superhuman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superhuman) [abilities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powers_and_abilities_of_Superman), which, upon reaching maturity, he resolved to use for the benefit of humanity through a secret "Superman" identity.

member of the [Justice League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justice_League) and close ally of [Batman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batman) and [Wonder Woman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wonder_Woman). Like other characters in the DC Universe, several [alternate versions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alternative_versions_of_Superman) of Superman have been depicted over the years.