

Superman

Characters:

Child 1

Child 2

Child 3

Child 4

Grandfather

Radio Announcer

Act 1: (Children are playing near a grandfather who is reading a newspaper.)

Child 1: "Look! Up in the sky!"

Child 2: "It's a bird!"

Child 3: "It's a plane!"

Child 4: "No, it's Superman!"

Grandfather: Yeah, those were the days.

Child 1: What do you mean, Grandpa?

Grandfather: Superman! He was our hero when I was your age.

Child 2: Tell us about it.

Grandfather: Well, we all sat around the radio.

Children together: The radio!

Grandfather: There was no television. No videos, no DVD's. Only the radio. But I remember how much fun it was. How exciting it was to sit and listen to those shows. The whole family would gather around the radio and...

Radio Announcer: And now ladies and gentlemen. It's time, once again, to bring you ...The Adventures of Superman"

Child 3: How long were the shows?

Child 4: Did Superman always get the bad guys?

Child 1: How did it start?

Grandfather: Actually, it all started with Superman comic books, like today. You still buy comic books, right?

Children together: Yeah...

Child 3: But, who started the comic books?

Grandfather: Well, in fact, it was a Canadian boy and his friend from the United States. That's the country to the south of us. Our neighbors. The two boys were young. Only 17 years old, I believe.

Child 2: They had the idea of making a superhero?

Grandfather: They had the dream and the imagination to create it.

Child 4: What were their names?

Grandfather: Well, the boy from Canada was Joe Shuster, and his friend was Jerry Siegel.

Child 1: Boy, I wish I had a Superhero.

Grandfather: Yeah, tell me, what would he look like? What would he be able to do? Would he be able to fly? Would he be a good person like Superman?

J. Lemay. Superman was created by Shuster and Seigal in 1934. The first comic issue appeared in 1938, "and leaped from comic books to radio in the 1940's and onto the television screen by the 1950's. Marsha Boulton. Just a Minute: Glimpses of our Great Canadian Heritage. McArthur and Company 1998. p.172 . For more information on Superman see especially <http://www.dccomics.com/> and [Superman Homepage](#)