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## The History of Comics

Who is your favorite superhero—Spider-Man? Wonder	7
Woman? These heroes have been around for a long time.	17
Comics appeared even earlier. In ancient times, people made	26
funny drawings of animals on paper made from plants.	35
Comic strips first appeared during the 1800s and remain	44
much the same style today. These comics are drawn in	54
connected boxes. The boxes tell a story or show a series	65
of events. Some comic strips are printed in newspapers.	74
The stories that they tell often continue from day to day.	85
Some people read the comics before they read the front page.	96
The first comic books appeared during the 1930s. It	105
seemed that everyone wanted to read comic books. They	114
loved reading about the adventures of the Man of Steel and	125
Batman. During the 1940s, the nation was at war, and some	136
comic book characters, such as Captain America, reflected	144
the times. Others, such as Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck,	154
made people laugh during this grim time in history.	163

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After the war, people became less interested in comic books, so new superheroes had to be created. The new superheroes, such as the Fantastic Four, the X-Men, and Spider-Man, talked and acted more like real people. As time went on, these characters had to compete with TV.

Comics have held a place in history. They take people away from their daily lives into another world. In this world, the hero always wins, and failure only comes to the bad guys.

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