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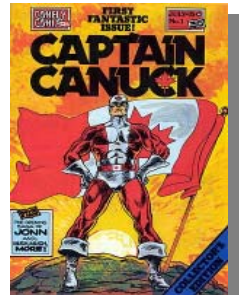
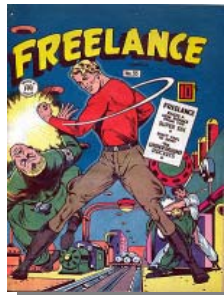
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Early Canadian comic books provide an interesting insight into a small slice of Canadian culture. Read on...

Go to the **GRADE 8** door.

Once you are there, select the **CANADIANA** section. From there, you are looking for the **CANADIAN SUPERHEROES** link in the last column.

Can you imagine?? Around the same time as **SUPERMAN** arrived on the scene (who was, incidentally, inspired by a Canadian), Canadian Comic Artists were creating some **uniquely "Canadian" characters**.



Read through the main page to find out about the history of *Canadian Comic Superheroes*.

1. When were original comic books first published in Canada? _____


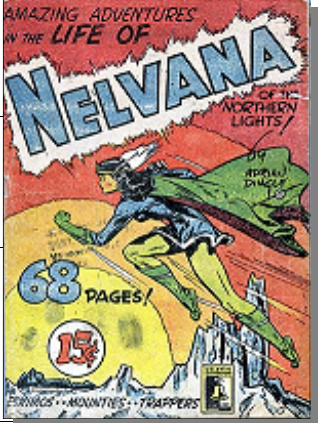


2. List the 9 most **significant costumed heroes** that personified the Canadian Spirit.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____
- i) _____

3. What two attitudes were commonly reflected in these comics?
_____ & _____

4. Now click on  to answer the questions on the next page.

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4.	What caused the first Canadian national superheroes to emerge?	 <p>U.S. and Canada?</p>
5.	Which two political cartoon characters were originally symbolic of Canada? a) _____ b) _____	
6.	How was each of these characters usually depicted? a) _____ b) _____	
7.	Who were the first two superheroes to be introduced and what problem was associated with each?	
8.	Why was <i>Nelvana of the North</i> a more appropriate Canadian superhero?	
9.	Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on  How was the <i>Johnny Canuck</i> superhero created?	
10.	BY CLICKING TWICE ON THE COMIC PAGES TO THE RIGHT TO ZOOM , read through the pages of <i>Johnny's visit to Berlin</i> ...What is Johnny's weapon of choice? Why do you think this is an appropriate weapon for a Canadian?	
11.	What was the difference between the Canadian Heroes comics, in which Canada Jack appeared, and Dime Comics, in which Johnny Canuck appeared?	
12.	How did the publisher of Canadian Heroes use Canada Jack's "hero on the home front" image to better appeal to his readers?	
13.	As Canada's protection on the home front, what did Canada Jack have to do?	