



UNCLE SAM

Use an Encyclopedia to answer the following questions.

1. Who is “Uncle Sam” and how did he originate?
2. Explain how Samuel Wilson got involved in the making of this symbol.
3. Where and when was the nickname first used?
4. Who first used the name “Uncle Sam”?
5. How did the costume of stars and stripes come about?
6. Who made this costume popular?
7. Who was “Brother Jonathan”?
8. Explain how Brother Jonathan and Uncle Sam are related.





KEY

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1. Uncle Sam is a figure that symbolizes the United States. He originated as an unfriendly nickname during the War of 1812.
2. Samuel Wilson was a meat inspector for the army. His job was to stamp “U.S.” on barrels of salted meat.
3. The people of New York and Vermont were against the war used this nickname after it appeared in a Troy, New York newspaper in 1813.
4. The people of New York and Vermont.
5. Originated in the cartoons of the 1830’s by Seba Smith.
6. A professional clown, Don Rice, made the costume popular in the 1800’s.
7. Brother Jonathan was the name for any loyal American during the Revolutionary War.
8. At different times in history both names have been used to refer to the United States as a whole, or as a symbol of the country.

