



CHARACTER PERFORMER INFORMATION

Meet Superman



BIOGRAPHY

Superman is the sole survivor of the planet Krypton. His father, Jor-El, discovered that a nuclear chain reaction was building inside Krypton that would soon shatter the entire world. Jor-El therefore had his unborn son Kal-El removed from the Kryptonian Gestation Chambers and affixed the life matrix containing Kal-El to an experimental vessel for travel through hyperspace. Jor-El launched the star craft toward Earth just before Krypton exploded.

Superman was, in effect, born on Earth when the star craft landed there. Jonathan and Martha Kent found the infant inside the vessel and brought him to their farm in Smallville, Kansas. Since he appeared entirely human, the Kents assumed that the baby was a victim of a cruel experiment. At this time the baby had no superpowers. The Kents named the infant Clark and raised him as their own son.

As Clark grew older his Kryptonian body began developing superhuman abilities. When Clark was eighteen, took him to the field where his star craft still lay hidden and explained how he and Martha had found him. Clark resolved to use his powers from then on only for the good of mankind. After revealing his secret to his childhood friend, Lana Lang, Clark left Smallville to study at Metropolis University.

Clark initially used his powers covertly to help people and prevent or thwart disasters. Ultimately, he was forced to use his powers in public to prevent the crash of a NASA spaceplane. Thereafter he and his foster parents devised a new costumed secret identity he would adopt when using his abilities in public. They called his new persona "Superman," the name given him by Lois Lane, a reporter for the Metropolis Daily Planet who had been aboard the spaceplane.

Shortly afterward, Clark obtained a job as a reporter for the Daily Planet by turning in his first detailed story about Superman. He currently enjoys a freelance status with the Planet.

Some time ago Superman journeyed to another dimensional "pocket universe" that had its own Krypton and Earth. After defeating three Kryptonians native to that universe who had murdered the entire population of its Earth, Superman executed the trio, believing there was no other way to stop them. The tremendous guilt Superman felt over this act combined by the psychic manipulation by his foe Brainiac, caused him to develop a temporary split personality. Believing himself to be potentially dangerous to humanity, Superman exiled himself to space, eventually taken prisoner by the forces of the alien tyrant Mongul. During this time Superman resolved never to kill again...."

Superman lives by the traditional moral values instilled in him by his foster parents. Superman is an idealist, devoted to promoting "truth, justice, and the American way," and has proved over and over that he is a true hero, capable of whatever bravery and self-sacrifice is necessary to right a wrong or save a life.

POWERS AND WEAPONS

Since Superman is a native of Krypton, a planet that had a red sun, under a yellow sun (*like that of Earth's* his Kryptonian cells act as living solar batteries, absorbing solar energy and giving him superhuman powers. He possesses tremendous strength; while Superman's strength is not infinite, its full extent is so great that it has never been accurately measured. His body is virtually indestructible.

Superman's sharp senses enable him to hear sounds too faint to be detected by the normal human ear. His "telescopic vision" enables him to focus his sight on distant objects far beyond the range of normal human sight. His "microscopic vision" allows him to observe an object in microscopic detail. Superman's so called "x-ray vision" enables him to see clearly through solid objects. Certain dense materials, notably lead, obstruct this ability. His power to generate heat within objects manifests itself as a red glow within his eyes and is therefore known as "heat vision."

Superman can move, react, and think at superhuman speeds greater than that of sound. He can defy gravity and fly through force of will. Superman's irradiated cells generate a force field that extends for a fraction of an inch around his body, rendering any material within the field nearly indestructible, such as his skintight costume. (Because his cape extends beyond the field, it is easily damaged.)

Superman is vulnerable to the radiation of Kryptonite, a substance from his native planet. Kryptonite radiation will kill Superman within minutes. He is also vulnerable to magic, and to the psionic powers of some beings, such as Brainiac.

Superman must fill his lungs with air before flying through outer space. He can thus survive without breathing for several hours, but ultimately, he must replenish his oxygen supply to remain alive.



IDEAS FOR POSES



Once "on-stage" or in public view, you should always remain in character, paying close attention not to do anything that may be inappropriate. This would include things such as adjusting your attire or under garments, touching your face to pick your nose, and so on. Give hugs, hold hands, give pats on the back. Try and refrain from touching people's faces or playing with their hair (it may be a wig).

When taking photos, use the photos in this document as helpful hints. Get people to pose like you. Get down on a child's level. While in costume, if you choose to bend over, make sure your head stays on.

Please be aware your environment, please DO NOT climb on tables, chairs or any other inappropriate places. Especially if we are Guest in a location. Conduct yourself in a professional manner. You represent Wolfe Mountain.

When taking photographs, please make sure your hands are always visible.

PERFORMER PROVIDES:

WME provides costume pieces, please wear appropriate undergarments.