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★ SEPTEMBER 13 IS UNCLE SAM DAY ★

# UNCLE SAM

You may have seen pictures of Uncle Sam and heard his name. Did you know he is based on a real person? Read the story, then number the pictures on this page in the correct order.

**W**hen Samuel Wilson was 14, the American colonies declared their independence from British rule. Samuel ran away to join the revolutionary army. But he was too young to fight, so he took care of the cattle that were the meat supply for the revolutionary army.

After the war, Samuel and his brother Ebenezer, moved to Troy, New York and started a meat business. They salted and packed meat into barrels so that the meat would keep on the pioneers' long journey traveling west.

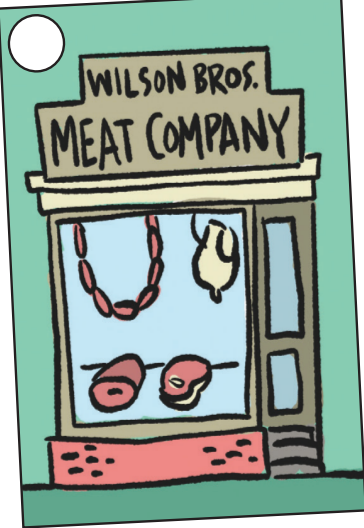
Their business was very successful. The employees liked Sam so much that they called him their "Uncle Sam."

In 1812, a second war broke out with England. The army stationed six thousand troops in Fort Crailo, just a few miles from Troy. Those 6,000 men had to eat.

A man named Elbert Anderson ordered meat from the Wilson brothers for the army. Samuel checked each meat shipment very carefully to be sure it was good. Once a shipment met with his approval, he stamped EA-US on it. EA stood for Elbert Anderson and US stood for United States.

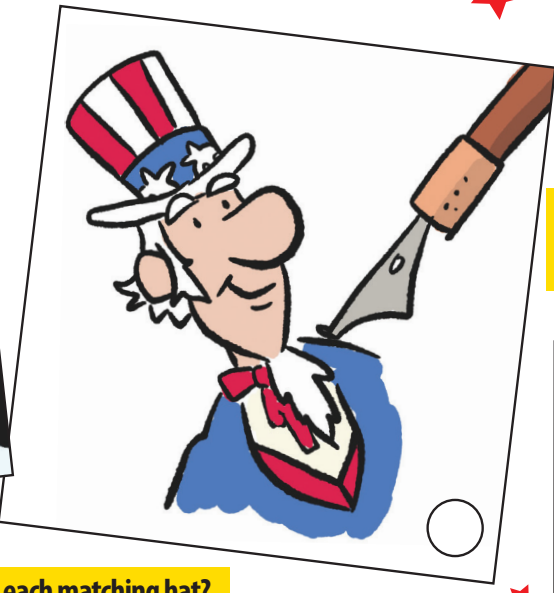
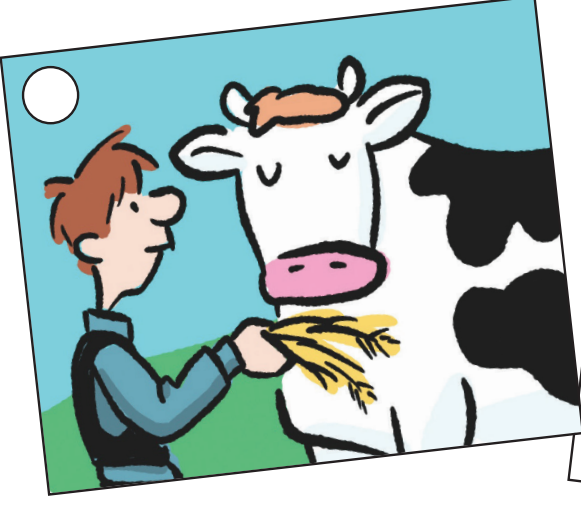
One story says that a man working in the kitchen saw the EA-US label and asked what it meant. Someone joked that EA means 'eat away' and US are Uncle Sam's initials to show that he inspected the meat. The joke caught on and was repeated over and over by other soldiers.

When Elbert Anderson visited the fort, he saw the labels and asked what they meant, and a dockhand answered, "They stand for Uncle Sam. It's his meat that feeds the army."





This 1917 poster is the most famous image of Uncle Sam.



Look carefully. Can you find each matching hat?



**Extra! Extra!**

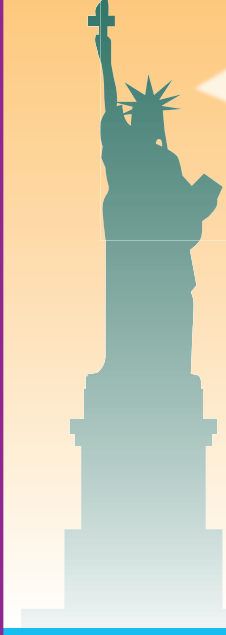
## First Letters

Look through the newspaper for a word that starts with every letter in the word **NEWSPAPER**. Try to pick words that say something about your newspaper. For example, N could be a word like "New."

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| W | _____ |
| S | _____ |
| P | _____ |
| A | _____ |
| P | _____ |
| E | _____ |
| R | _____ |

Standards Link: Writing applications.

## Kid Scoop® Puzzler



The Statue of Liberty is a famous American symbol of freedom and hope. A gift from France, it has stood on a pedestal in New York Harbor since 1886. A poem written for the Statue by Emma Lazarus has a famous line that is quoted often. Fill in the missing vowels, then talk with your family about what this quote means.

“G\_ve m\_ y\_r t\_red,  
y\_\_r p\_\_r, y\_\_r  
h\_ddled m\_sses  
ye\_rning to br\_\_the  
fr\_\_.”

## Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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| T | A | E | M | E | W | E | S | T | A |
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| R | O | I | S | Y | M | B | O | L | D |
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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### Neighborhood Symbol

Look through the newspaper for a word or an image that you think could be a symbol of your neighborhood. Write a letter to the editor explaining why you think it would be a good symbol.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### How were early American settlers like ants?



ANSWER: They lived in colonies.

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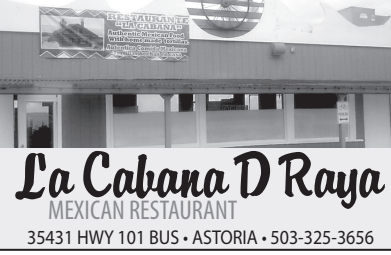


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