

Superman: What's So Funny About Truth, Justice, and the American Way Is Superman relevant? Do we still need him?

Superheroes and their stories have evolved – In the 30s Clark Kent was created as America's champion for immigrants. In the 40s he took a stand against the Nazis. And, as the decades passed, his back story, powers, and identity changed. Now you can read Superman comics that focus on Clark Kent's family dynamic with his wife and son or Kenan Kong's reformation as a bully to a protector of China. But, even with these changes, is Superman still relevant?

Directions: Today you will prepare for an in-class debate on Superman's relevance to teenagers in modern society. Answer the following questions to help prepare for your debate and reference any of the stories we covered in class – one shots, on-going series, mini-series, movies, cartoons, or anything else I'm forgetting.

1. Based off of the comic you just read, what is Joe Kelly's argument about Superman's relevancy?
2. How is society/how are kids depicted in the comic? Think about the kids' perceptions of Superman? Do these views of Superman accurately represent today's teens views of morality?
3. What does Superman represent?
4. What do kids need from heroes?
5. Can kids relate to Superman?