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SANTA CLAUS

Let's practice our READING now! Responda às questões abaixo de acordo com o texto:

Santa Claus, also known as Father Christmas or simply "Santa", is a figure which comes from the Dutch figure of Sinterklaas. He is a historical, legendary and mythological figure who in many Western cultures, is said to bring gifts to the homes of the good children during the late evening and overnight hours of Christmas Eve, December the 24th . The legend is based on the tales concerning the historical figure of gift giver Saint Nicholas. While Saint Nicholas was originally portrayed wearing bishop's robes, today Santa Claus is described as a plump, jolly, white-bearded man wearing a red coat with white collar and cuffs, white-cuffed red trousers, and black leather belt and boots. This image became popular in the United States and Canada in the 19th century due to the influence of caricaturist and political cartoonist Thomas Nast. In the United Kingdom and Europe, he is identical to the American Santa Claus, but he is commonly called Father Christmas.

Read the passage carefully and then answer the following questions:

1. Where does Santa originate from?

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2. What is the story behind the legendary figure?

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3. Describe Santa Claus?

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4. How did the image of Santa Claus become popular in the US & Canada?

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