

# WHAT IS A SUPERHERO?

## ACTIVITY 1 Discovering heroes

**1** Match each picture with the corresponding portrait.



Isaac Newton



Shakespeare



Usain Bolt



Amelia Earhart



Superman



Rosa Parks



Wonder Woman



John Lennon

**1** She achieved international celebrity status as the first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean in an airplane. While her achievement as an aviator is legendary, her commitment to women's rights is less well-known. She told the story of her remarkable life and career, emphasizing on her role in breaking barriers for women.

**2** She is called the Amazon Princess. She is a powerful, strong-willed character who does not back down from a fight or a challenge. She is a lover of peace who would never seek to fight or escalate a conflict. She's both the most fierce and most nurturing member of the Justice League. She was particularly acclaimed by Lady Diana.

**3** He is a Jamaican sprinter who won gold medals in the 100 metres and the 200 metres three times in a row. He is widely considered to be the greatest sprinter of all time.

**4** He was an English musician, singer, and songwriter who rose to worldwide fame as a founding member of The Beatles.

**5** He was an English physicist and mathematician. He is widely regarded as one of the most influential scientists of all time and as a key figure in the scientific revolution.

**6** She was called the "Mother of the modern-day American civil rights movement" and "Mother of the freedom movement". She refused to move to the back of the bus so a white passenger could take her seat in the front of the bus.

**7** He is a comic character and probably the first powerful superhero in fiction. The character was created by writer Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Shuster in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1933.

**8** He was an English poet and playwright, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language.

**2** Tick the numbers corresponding to the factual characters (and not the fictional characters).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

**3** What domain did they belong to? Write the correct numbers in the corresponding box.

literature

science

activism

music

sports

aviation pioneer

**4** Tick each number corresponding to each definition of a hero.

**Definition A:** A hero is a person who is admired for his/her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

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**Definition B:** A hero is someone who is the principal character in a story, play, film, book and who is often provided with uncommon powers (sometimes unearthly) and who is often honored as a (near-like) divinity.

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