

GROUPWORK – UNCLE SAM

- Read the following documents and prepare both **a poster** AND **an oral presentation** about Uncle Sam
- Also **prepare 5 questions** to ask to your classmates to make sure they listened and understood what you explained.

Guidelines :

- describe Uncle Sam
- Explain when he was created , what he stands for, where we can see him.



Uncle Sam

Uncle Sam is a cartoon symbol for the United States, the U.S. government, or the American people.

Uncle Sam Magazine Cover

Uncle Sam has been a long standing symbol of American patriotism. His image has been used by the United States government in a number of different ways, from stamps and military recruiting posters to magazines and newspaper cartoons.

Though the origins of the name Uncle Sam are subject to some dispute, most historians believe that the name came from a New York merchant named Sam Wilson, known by his friends as "Uncle Sam." Wilson supplied beef to American troops during the War of 1812. The barrels were stamped with the initials U.S., for United States, but many associated the initials with "Uncle Sam" Wilson. Over time, *Uncle Sam* became a synonym for *United States*.