

COMICS OR PROPAGANDA ?



1) Introduction :

TITLE	Captain America.
NATURE	Comic book cover.
NUMBER & DATE	December, 1st 1940. The date written on the cover is March 1941 because comics in the US are released several months before the official date of publication. This first episode is a blockbuster and sells over 1 million copies !

2) Description :

Captain America is in the middle of the cover because he is the most important character. His outfit echoes the colours and the symbols of the USA flag with the stars and the stripes. He looks like a modern knight with his shield. He is fighting and punching Hitler in the face. His enemy, stumbling backwards under the blow, looks like an ordinary weak man.

In the foreground, we can see a Nazi soldier shooting at Captain America with his gun but the bullet is deflected by the shield. In the bottom right-hand corner, there is Bucky, who is Captain America's young ally or sidekick. He is looking at the readers and saluting them. He is smiling and confident.