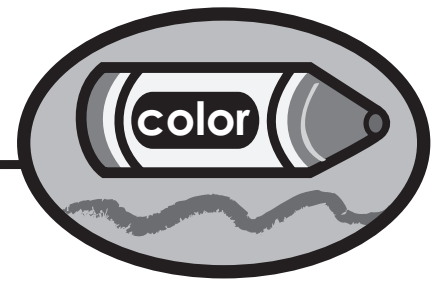


National Symbols: Uncle Sam



Uncle Sam is the national character that represents the United States of America, or the American government. He is illustrated as an elderly man with white hair and a goatee beard. His clothes are the colors of the American flag: blue jacket, striped pants, top-hat with stars and stripes. The popular image of Uncle Sam was illustrated by James Montgomery Flagg for a magazine cover in 1916. The same image was used on the famous U.S. Army recruiting poster in 1917 for World War I, and again during World War II. He has appeared in hundreds of political cartoons throughout the years.

