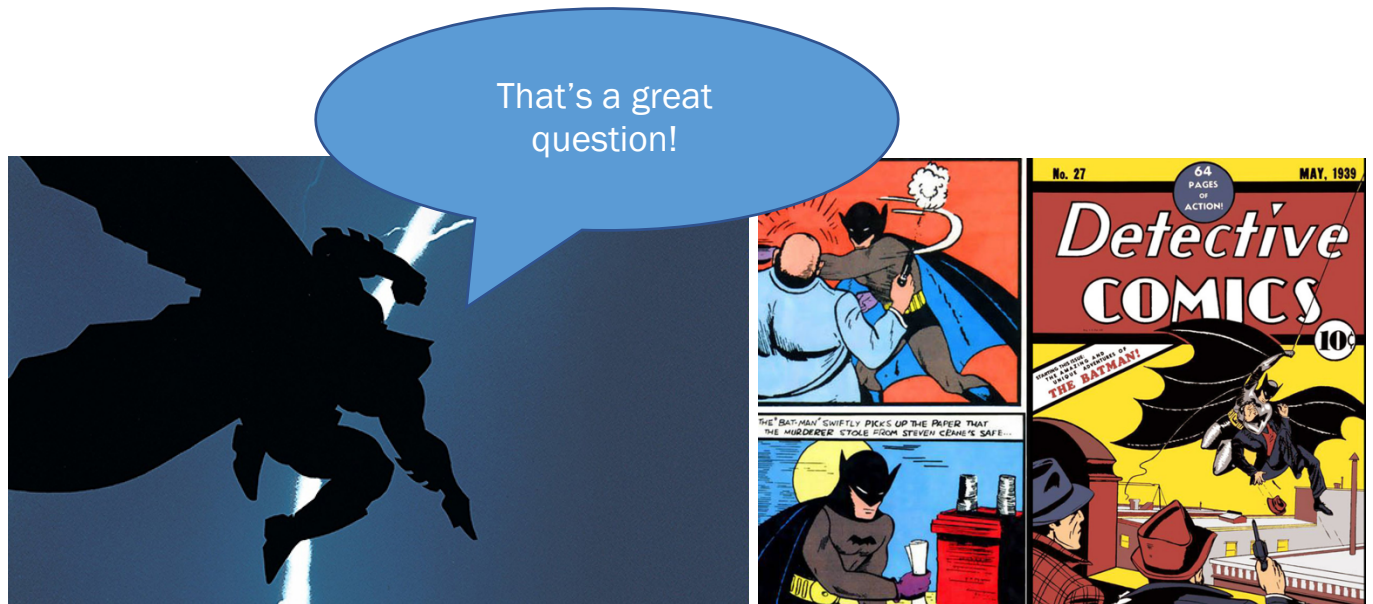


ENGLISH 414 SUPERHERO LITERATURE

MOCK INTERVIEW: GETTING THE LOWDOWN ON GOLDEN AGE BATMAN AND SILVER AGE BATMAN



Today, I want you to split into small groups of five and cook up an “interview” with the Golden Age Batman we met last week in *Batman #1* and his Silver Age counterpart from today’s reading, *The Dark Knight Returns*.

Brainstorm some pointed questions an interviewer might address to these two very different incarnations of the Caped Crusader that bring out, directly or indirectly, their very different attitudes and concerns.

Then choose a couple of questions that you feel have the most potential for liveliness and insight, and prepare to act out a brief “interview” for the class, with one of you in the role of the interviewer, and the other two playing the two different versions of Batman. (You can jot down a few notes if you like, but please don’t over-script this—it’s meant to be fun!) Feel free to have the two “Batmen” interact and comment on each other’s responses, and the interviewer is also welcome to get in on the act!