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***The Amazing Stylistic History of Comic Books* by Jamahl Johnson**

**Directions:** Answer the questions below as you read the article.

**Guiding question:** How does the artistic aesthetic development of comics from their origin to the present day reflect the changes in American culture and society?

1. Use Google to define the word **aesthetic**.

**Art Styles of the Golden Age of Comics:**

2. What is one art style unique to the Golden Age of comics?

**Art Styles of the Silver Age of Comics:**

3. What was one factor that led to a decline in superhero stories and a rise in comic titles that would appeal to more adult sensibilities?

4. What are three words banned by the Comics Code Authority (CCA)?

5. What is one art style unique to the Silver Age of comics?

**Art Styles of the Bronze Age of Comics:**

6. **Finish this sentence from the article:** “While the Golden Age portrayed social topics like World War in typical Golden Age fashion – unfailing virtue and easy justice – Bronze Age comics dealt with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Maybe Captain America could smack Hitler in the face, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7. What is one art style unique to the Bronze Age of comics?

**The Dark Age of Comics:**

8. **Finish these sentences from the article:** “Unlike the actual Dark Ages, this era was where comic books \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Until then, the Golden Age’s uncomplicated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ still echoed. Here, writers threw all of it out the window and showed us that a comic book hero’s world was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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9. **Finish this sentence from the article**: “Stories like ‘The Dark Knight Returns’ and ‘V for Vendetta’ warned of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “

10. What is the first comic book series to win the Pulitzer Prize? What is the Pulitzer Prize? What is this comic about?

11. What is one art style unique to the Dark Age of comics?

**The Ageless Age (The Modern Age) of Comics:**

12. According to the article, how is the “Ageless Age” of comics characterized?

13. What is one art style unique to the Ageless Age of comics?