**Trajan (28 January 98 to 9 August 117)**

* Roman Emperor - optimus princeps "best ruler"
* lead the empire to attain the maximum territorial extent
* Roman triumphal column in Rome, Italy
* Trajan's victory in the Dacian Wars (Romania, Moldova, smaller parts of Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, and Ukraine)

**Bayeux Tapestry - 11th century**

* embroidered cloth (not tapestry )
  + tapestry is woven on a vertical loom
* 70 meters long - 230 ft long
* depicts several events leading up to the Norman conquest of England
  + William, Duke of Normandy (William the Conqueror)
    - Normandy - region in Northern France
    - Descendents of Viking conquerors, Germanic Franks, Romanized Gauls
  + Harold, Earl of Wessex ~ later King of England
* Battle of Hastings

**William Hogarth (1697-1764)**

* English painter, engraver, printmaker, social critic, pictorial satirist, editorial cartoonist
* credited for pioneering sequential art
* Marriage a-la-mode - 18th century upper class
  + ill considered marriage for money
  + 6 paintings
  + satire (genre that has a moral point to convey)
  + son of a bankrupt Earl Squanderfield to the daughter of a wealthy but miserly city merchant
  + starts with signing of marriage contract --> murder of the son by his wife's lover ...

**The Adventures of Tintin**

* Tintin is a young Belgian reporter and aided by the fox terrier, Snowy
* stories of adventure, fantasy, mystery, political thrillers and science fiction
* also contains elements of satire, political and cultural commentary
* Created by Belgian cartoonist, Georges Remi (1907-1983)
* wrote under the pen name Herge
* one of the most popular European comics of the 20th century
* published in more than 70 languages
* sold over 200 million copies
* first series appeared in French on January 10, 1929
* has been adapted for radio, television, theatre, and film

**Action Comics 1**

* First issue was the June 1938 one
* The series is called Action Comics
* features first appearance of several comic book heroes, most notably Superman
  + created by Jerry Siegel/Joe Shuster
* Action Comics 1 was an anthology and contained 11 features
  + Superman
  + Chuck Dawson
  + Zatara Master Magician
  + South Sea Strategy
  + Sticky-Mitt Stimson
  + The Adventures of Marco Polo
  + "Pep" Morgan
  + Scooby the Five Star Reporter
  + Tex Thompson
  + Stardust
  + Odds N Ends

**Osamu Tezuka (3 November 1928 - 9 February 1989)**

* Japanese cartoonist, manga writer/artist, animator, producer, activist, medical doctor
* Best known for creating Astro Boy, Kimba the White Lion, and Black Jack
* "godfather of anime"
* was inspired by Walt Disney for many years

**Peanuts (October 1950 - February 2000)**

* syndicated daily and Sunday American comic strip
* illustrated by Charles M. Schulz
* most popular and influential in the history of comic strips = 17,897 strips published in all
* arguably the longest story ever told by a human being
* ran in 2600 newspapers, readership of 355 million in 75 countries
* translated into 21 languages
  + woodstock, snoopy, charlie brown

**Garfield - launched in June 1978**

* created by Jim Davis
* Garfield, Jon Arbuckle, Odie
* as of 2013, it's syndicated in roughly 2580 newspapers and journals
* Guiness world record for world's most widely syndicated comic strip
* set in Muncie, Indiana - home of Jim Davis
* common themes - Garfield's laziness, obsessive eating, disdain of Mondays and diets, pooky

**Archie Comics**

* Founded in 1939
* known to feature Archie, Betty, Veronica, Reggie, Jughead
* created by John L. Goldwater , written by Vic Bloom, and drawn by Bob Montana

**Frank Miller**

* American writer, artist, film director
* best known for graphic novels such as
  + Ronin, Daredevil: Born Again, The Dark Knight Returns, Sin city, 300

**Spawn**

* published by Image Comics
* created by Todd McFarlane
* first appeared in May 1992
* ranked 60th on Wizard Magazine's list of the Top 200 Comic Book Characters of all time