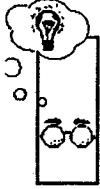


Grade 10 ECR

Some people believe that a hero is someone who risks his or her life for others, while others believe that a hero is anyone who has struggled and overcome great obstacles. Think of someone you believe to be a hero. This could be someone you know or have heard about. Compose a piece of writing to identify this person and explain why you think this person is a hero.



PLANNING

Use this page to plan your writing. You might consider using a web, cluster, list, story map, or any other way to help you organize your writing.

You will receive credit for planning your writing.

I. Intro

- A. My Boyfriend (Name, age etc.)
- B. How we met
- C. Why is he a hero?

II. Body

- A. Struggles
- B. Hurdles to overcome
- C. Character
- D. How he saved me (Superman's)
- E. What he did to overcome
(where he gets his strength)

III. Conclusion

- A. Where he is now
- B. How it's affected him
- C. Personal Goals

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Use as many lines as you need.

When remembering a hero, thoughts of bravery, selflessness, and a bit of luck are always encountered.

I never knew I would think of my brother as a hero. I never really wanted to. But when our lives were in danger, he was out there protecting us, even when he didn't want to.

Heroism is defined by the actions given by oneself in a way that benefits others, while they themselves do not benefit.

About 14 months ago, I woke up to my mom crying. Earlier that morning, my brother had called to tell her that he was being deployed to Iraq. I can not say that I was exactly expecting this to happen. I remember him telling us that it wasn't likely for him to go, but, sure enough, he was on his way to some distant land, where his life would be in constant danger.

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About a month after he had gone, I received a letter from him in the mail. He told me about how he had been sleeping on his tank ever since he had gotten there. He also told me about how hot it was there, during the day and the night. As I read on, I learned that he had already seen some action. While on a boat patrolling the Tigris at about 2 in the morning, our U.S. boys received some AK-47 and RPG fire (Rocket Propelled Grenades). It all came from a dense thicket of trees and brush. My brother returned fire by draining a full clip from his M-16. I could feel the fear he had experienced that night through the letter right in front of me. I could tell his work was no walk in the park.

The next letter I received from him was about another month later. He told me about the people living over there. He wrote that most people had been very cooperative and did what they

said. He told me that he and his buddies all hung out with the children and even played some games with them. He said the best brawl he had ever seen broke out when he started handing out candy. I knew that though our guys were fighting a war, they were still helping out these innocent people.

He later told me about the best feeling he has ever had. They were out patrolling one of the local towns. My brother had taken a group of people aside while some other guys were checking the town. All of a sudden, this parked car just blew up. Luckily it was a fair distance away from them, so nobody was hurt. The great thing about that was my brother had told the people to move to the other side of the town. It was his call, and he saved 12 people's lives.

My brother used to be and, well, still is just a tall, goofy guy.

But when we were asleep in our homes, not worrying about attacks that tall goofy guy was out there, making that happen, that's why my hero is my brother Steven.

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There are many types of heroes in our world. There are fictional superheroes that run around in capes and masks saving the world. There are also soldiers who are over in Iraq defending our country. One person that I consider a hero is close to home. She actually lives with me.

Heroes vary in shape and size as well as personality. My hero is a tall woman with a warm heart. She is my mom. She is always thinking of others and always doing good. She works hard and still manages to come home and make a nice warm dinner for my sister and I. We don't often show how much we love and respect her, or appreciate what she does for us, but really we do.

My mom has problems to deal with on a daily basis, but she always finds a way to make things better. My parents divorced when I was very young. For many years, my dad lived about ten minutes away. This way, we could visit him on the weekends. When I was in seventh grade, he moved to Wisconsin, where he had grown up. Along with his furniture and clothes, he also took all of his money with him. Soon, child support checks ceased to come in the mail. Yet my

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mom remained patient, even though I could tell she was so frustrated inside. Being a single mom is hard. Soon, I started doing lots of extra-curricular activities. I was in sports and band. By high school, I had started marching band. I always needed rides to practices, and my mom was busy too. She had to work all the time, even overtime to make up for the money my dad hadn't been sending. Yet she always found a way to get me to rehearsal. Patience was something Mom always had, and it helped us all get through it alive.

I really consider my mom a hero for putting up with everything. She is so patient and never stops caring. She always goes to my band concerts and listens to every beautiful note we play. I hope that someday I may be able to do the same. When I grow up, I want my kids to realize that I am working hard so that everyone can be happy. My mom does it every day, maybe I can too.

So, being a hero clearly isn't about prancing around in a cape and tights. Your own parents could be heroes to you. Maybe they have overcome some difficult obstacle. Everyone can be a hero. Maybe even you!

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I think my mom is a hero. She takes care of my four brothers and sister and I. She takes care of my great grandmother. My mom is a strong person with a good heart.

My mom gets up everyday to get my brothers and sister ready. She takes them to school, she cooks and cleans everyday. My mom is always there for us all the time.

My mom takes care of my great grandmother, because she has Altimers. My mom gets up extra early every morning about 4:30 a.m. or 5:00 a.m. to watch my grandma because that's the time she wakes up. My mom is so tired everyday she has to do so much everyday.

My mom is a strong person

Score: 2/2/1

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with a good heart. My mom makes
so many people happy. She picks
up people when they're down. My
mom is a person to have fun. My
liked to be herself.

These are the reasons to me
that I think my mom is a hero.
I'm happy she's around. My mom
is my best friend.

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Lance Armstrong,

I think is a hero because he had cancer and he won the Tour de France 5 times.

He got divorce with his wife, but the wife is prigned, and he has a son.

He is the best cyclist in the world because he won 5 times The tour de France with cancer he is a example for the cyclists and the people with cancer.

Score: 1/1/1

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