

HERO SCAVENGER HUNT

Will the Real Heroes Please Come Forward?

The challenge of this **Hero Scavenger Hunt** is to answer the **Essential Question**.

The scavenger hunt consists of seeking information about heroes from a variety of library resources and selected websites.

It is expected that your answer to the essential question will change as you follow all the steps of the scavenger hunt. *Enjoy the journey!*

Essential Question: Do circumstances make the hero or are heroes born?

Question #1

What is a hero? Let's determine the unique qualities of a hero. Go to the [RHS Library Webpage](#) and click on *Information Sources*. Choose *World Book Online* and click on the *Student link* (picture with pencil). Select the Dictionary and find their definition of a hero.

Definition of hero at World Book online: _____

What qualities do you think a hero should have?

Qualities a hero should have: **(Create a Google doc to save your answers)**

Do you think you have enough information to answer the essential question or should you continue the search? **Essential Question: Do circumstances make the hero or are heroes born?**

Let's Continue to Question # 2

Question #2

Visit the web site "[Gallery of Achievers](#)". In the Gallery of Achievers, the focus is on individuals who have shaped the 20th century by their accomplishments. Select one person in the Gallery of Achievers to read about. What made the person special? What kind of an impact do you think a hero should have on the world?

A hero should impact the world by: _____

That could change your idea of what a hero should be. Do you think you have enough information to answer the essential question or should you continue the search? **Essential Question: Do circumstances make the hero or are heroes born?**

Let's Continue to Question # 3

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Visit the web site "[The Week](#)". From the article "9 Heroic Teens" select one or more people to read about. What made these teens heroic?

A hero should be: _____

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Let's Continue to Question # 4

Question #4

What about the people who helped out in New York during the 9/11 tragedy? Are they heroes? Go to the [RHS Library Webpage](#) and click on *Information Sources*. Choose *SIRS*.

Perform a *Quick Search* for "Courage under terrible fire". Read the article from the U.S. News & World Report on Sept. 24, 2001. Identify two people from the article that you would consider a hero. What makes them heroes? Would they have been heroes without 9/11?

Hero #1 _____

Hero #2 _____

Do these two heroes have the qualities you listed in your first definition of a hero? What part did circumstances play? Do you think you have enough information to answer the essential question or should you continue the search? **Essential Question: Do circumstances make the hero or are heroes born?**

Let's Continue to Question # 5

Question #5

What about literary heroes?

Go to the [RHS Library Webpage](#) and click on *Library Catalog*. Click on the *Catalog* tab and then click on *WebPath Express* on the left. Type “heroes” in the search bar.

Click on the second link *What Makes a Hero? - Matthew Winkler*. Watch the video to find out what makes or breaks a hero.

What makes or breaks a hero? _____

Do you think you have enough information to answer the essential question or should you continue the search? **Essential Question: Do circumstances make the hero or are heroes born?**

Let's Continue to the Conclusion

Conclusion

Now that you have read about a variety of heroes, you have probably changed your definition of a hero. Write your new definition of a hero. Compare your two definitions. What qualities did you add to your second definition? What is your new definition of a hero?

After learning about heroes, now answer the **Essential Question: Do circumstances make the hero or are heroes born? Explain.**

Congratulations for completing the Hero Scavenger Hunt!