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## Interdisciplinary Connections

Literacy, music, art

## Objectives

- Define the word *hero*.
- Describe heroic behaviors.

## Key Terms

- characteristics
- hero

## Lesson Materials

Songs: “Hero” by Enrique Iglesias and/or “Hero” by Mariah Carey or another performance of the song. If the music is not available, lyrics may be found at the following web site:

[http://www.oracleband.net/Lyrics/hero\\_carey.htm](http://www.oracleband.net/Lyrics/hero_carey.htm)

## Lesson Plan

- Have the students clear their desks and clear their minds. Tell them to actively listen to the lyrics of the song. Play the song about heroes.
- After you play the song through once, display the lyrics and replay the song.
- Tell the students to write down their thoughts and ideas. Prompt them to think about who came to mind when they heard the song.
- After students share their ideas, discuss how they would define the word *hero*. Ask: “What makes a person a hero?”
- Discuss, brainstorm, and chart a list of heroes in their lives.
- Have students pick one person in their life who is their hero. Have them write a paragraph explaining why that person is their hero. Then have them draw a picture or make their hero a badge of honor.
- After students complete their writing and picture or badge of honor, they can present them to their heroes. (Alternate idea: Have a hero day. Have students invite their heroes into the classroom. If a hero is not available, the student can try to bring in a photo of the hero. Each student can read their paragraph then present their hero with their picture or badge of honor.)

## Evidence of Understanding

Have the students share their writing about heroes in their lives.

## Taking Action and Giving Service

Have the class “Adopt a Hero.” Invite the adopted hero into the class for the day. Make it a special day for everyone. Provide lunch, snacks, etc. for the hero and present a badge made to honor him or her. Take photos for a bulletin board and/or an album, write a story to send to the local paper, etc.