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Society's Hero Proposal Project

Objective: Use credible, scholarly sources to research and argue a historical figure's status as a hero.

Directions: Complete the steps for your research project below to create a paper/ presentation on a historical hero of your choice.

Research Selections: You will be selecting a hero (a real-life person) as the topic for your research paper. Follow the archetypal pattern of a hero — an imperfect person who displays fierce determination, courage, and resolve in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges. The hero is the person who rises to the occasion—one who others look up to as a figure of hope. Your hero must be positive, inspiring, and enhance/change peoples' lives for the better.

Your objective is to prove that the person you chose merits the distinction of being regarded as a hero. You must research the life of your chosen person and show how this person has overcome obstacles and learned lessons as a result of the challenges they have had to face. Thus, you must show in what ways this person's life parallels the typical pattern of the hero. You must ask yourself: what qualities make this person a hero? What distinguishes this person? What challenges has this person faced? What contributions has this person made to the world? What lessons has this person learned?

Steps:

1. **Hero Selection:** Fill out the "Hero Selection" worksheet for each of your 3 choices — write an explanation as to why you want to research this person. Also include why you chose whom you did as your first choice. Include some background on each person with a source listed. (I will try to give everyone their first choice, but I would like each student in the class to research a different hero, so there are no guarantees.)
2. **Research** your hero using three credible sources. (NOT searching via Google- we will go over acceptable sources and databases in class.)
3. **Create** a power point, Prezi or poster that outlines the information/ argument for your hero selection.
4. **Share** your presentation with me and a small group of classmates.

Parts of Presentation:

- A. **Introduction:** Introduce your hero with a hook/ leading sentence. Give some indication as to their major accomplishments/ achievements. End with your thesis (argument on why the person you chose merits distinction of being a hero.)

- B. **Background Info:** Relevant information on your selection's society, background, upbringing that set the stage for their achievements. *Include internal citations for the information you have researched.
- C. **Archetype Analysis:** Mention 2 archetypes that your selection fits into and tie them to the thesis of why this person merits distinction of being a hero. Must provide one concession- What is one imperfection that this person has and why do they still deserve their hero status? *Include internal citations for the information you have researched.
- D. **Your reflection:** Why did you chose this person? How has this person inspired you? How do you view this person's impact on society?
- E. **Visuals:** At least two visuals of this person that reflect the content of what you
- F. **Works Cited:** A page in MLA format that cites the credible, scholarly sources you used. ***NO GOOGLE! ***

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Hero Selection:

Due: In class on Monday, 11/12 *Send/ Share as a Word file to geigern@calvertnet.k12.md.us

Objective: To narrow down and choose a person to research for your Society's Hero Research Project.

Directions: Put your selections in order of your preference. Include noteworthy background information in full sentences. Use the attached guide to find a selection. Pick people that have inspired you and that you will enjoy researching.

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Selection:	What I already know about this person: (Write 2)	Noteworthy Accomplishments/ Important Facts (Write 2)	Characteristics of this person that connect with their heroism: (Write 2)
1 *Primary Choice* _____		Paste MLA Citation:	
2. Secondary Choice _____		Paste MLA Citation:	

3. Third Choice		Paste MLA Citation:	

Society’s Heroes Proposal Project Selections:

Heroes can be selected while considering the following categories:

1. **Championing Children** — Commitment to the welfare of young people.
2. **Community Crusader** — Creating solutions to a local program or challenging social issues or racial barriers.
3. **Defending the Planet** — Innovative efforts to preserve and protect the environment and its non-human inhabitants.
4. **Everyday Superhero** — Spontaneous acts of courage in the face of danger
5. **Medical Marvel** — Dedication to the enhancement of human health.
6. **Protecting the Powerless** — Advancing the cause of human or equal rights.
7. **Young Wonder** — Outstanding achievement by a person 25 and under.

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| Arthur Ashe | Mother Teresa |
| Angelina Jolie | Muhammad Ali |
| Bethany Hamilton | Nelson Mandela |
| Bill Gates | Oprah Winfrey |
| Captain Richard Phillips | Sally Ride |
| Charles Lindberg | Stephen Hawking |
| Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger | Steve Jobs |
| Christopher Reeve | Stevie Wonder |
| Colin Powell | <i>Your choice, if approved by me</i> |

Condoleezza Rice

***Who have you learned about/ read about that inspired you?**

Dalai Lama

***Who has various types of media about their life to research?**

Elie Wiesel

***Consider the 12 archetypes for real-life examples.**

Jane Goodall

JK Rowling

***What people have shaped/ influenced a hobby, sport, topic or type of music that you enjoy?**

Lance Armstrong

Malala Yousafzai

Michael J. Fox

Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi