

Lesson 10: American Heroes, Past and Present

What Is a Hero? Graphic Organizer

Guiding Question

- How have Americans shown civic virtues throughout history?
- I can identify ways Americans have practiced civic virtues throughout history.
 - I can analyze how individuals' virtues, attitudes, and actions contribute to their identification as American heroes.

Heroes in History

As you talk with other characters, fill in the following organizer.

| Name | Time Period/Era | Accomplishments | Heroic Traits and Civic Virtues |
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Concluding Analysis and Discussion Questions

1. What traits and civic virtues appeared most frequently? Why might that be?
2. Are these traits still relevant in today's world? Explain.
3. Which hero do you most identify with? Why?

4. Which two people would you follow on Twitter, if that were an option? Briefly explain why for each.

5. Which person(s) had the most significant impact on U.S. history? Explain.

6. Who would you add to this list of heroes? Explain.

7. Would you add any civic virtues to your list in Appendix A: Founding Principles and Civic Virtues Organizer? Explain.