



Liberty Learning Lesson Guide: *Heroes from Comic books to Reality*

| Lesson Qualities at a Glance | |
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| Kinesthetic | √ |
| Visual | √ |
| Auditory | |
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Theme: Balancing Rights with Responsibilities

Grade Level: k-12

Description of Activity:

We love superheroes for the traits they embody, but are there real-life people who also embody those traits? Students will learn about individuals that embody the character strengths and virtues that have helped ensure people's liberty. This workshop uses a power point presentation and craft to open up the discussion to include *superheroes*, making clever connections between particular superheroes and their real-life human counterparts. Students then think creatively about what very human traits are important in heroes and superheroes by creating their own hero with either our downloadable template or spare paper found at home!

Learning Activities

Power Point Lesson, brainstorming, writing, drawing.

Materials Needed

PowerPoint attached print out (alternatively blank drawing paper), Crayons and or markers.

Craft or Product, if Any

A drawn fictional hero based on non-fictional attributes and character traits!

Key Character Strengths

Responsibility, respect, integrity, courage

Academic Standards

Common Core Literacy

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.8.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one) on grade-level topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PA Civics and Government

5.3.3.G Identify individual interests and explain ways to influence others.

Step by Step: *Heroes from Comic books to Reality*

Set-up:

- Print out Superhero Template PDF or set out blank sheets of paper
- Set out pencil's crayons and markers
- Load and review PowerPoint

Step 1:

- Start the PowerPoint with your student, for every question the power point prompts, take time to ask your student what their thoughts are.
- Make sure to follow the **at home guide!** boxes for step by step help!

Step 2:

- The last slide will be examples of superheroes you can make. Be sure to brainstorm real life problems that you want to solve and start to talk about what superhero you can create together.

Step 3:

- If you're using our Hero Creation Template PDF, please fill out the three rows to help you brainstorm. If you're not using the template, simply write down on a sheet of paper the

1) name of your hero

2) obstacle that hero is facing (what real world issue they're fighting)

3) what the goal of your hero is (how will this hero take on this real-world issue?)

Step 4:

- **Create your hero!** Make sure to be creative with how your hero will tackle their issue and make sure to **have fun!** Remember that the issue your superhero is facing is a real-world problem, but there are no limits to what superpowers they'll have to tackle it!

Share your hero with our museum!

Love your completed superhero? Share them with [@nationallibertymuseum](#) using the hashtags [#nlmathome](#) [#libertylearning](#)

*Extended Learning!

- Challenge your student to come up with more real-life heroes who share traits with their favorite comic book superheroes
- Found a great real hero- superhero comparison? Share it with us through social media or by emailing mused@libertymuseum.org and we might use your example in our upcoming lessons!