

THE MY HERO PROJECT

Resource Template

Dear Educators:

We are delighted that you and your students will be participating in The MY HERO Project.

We have created a “how to” list to show you how much support there is for you online. Please take the opportunity to explore the site on your own, as well as using the following information guidelines.

OVERVIEW

There are **three main ways** for students to share their hero stories: written story, art or a short film. Tutorials are provided for each. The following information will help you get started:

1. Written Story (Create)

In the writer’s Create Program, students are invited to build a Web page about their heroes using text, images and links.

<http://myhero.com/create>

- watch a short film demonstrating how to create a Web page

<http://myhero.com/movie/slater-download.mov>

2. Art: Visualize Heroism (Gallery)

In the Gallery, students are invited to upload original artworks about their heroes, or the concept of heroism.

<http://myhero.com/gallery>

- watch a short film about the gallery

<http://myhero.com/movie/gallery.mov>

Gallery tutorial on

HOW TO CREATE/UPLOAD YOUR ORIGINAL ART TO THE MY HERO VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

<http://myhero.com/myhero/go/gallery/tutorial/p1.asp>

3. Short Films

Students, teachers and artists are invited to view and submit documentary, experimental, animated or narrative short films, 10 minutes and under, about those making a positive difference in our world.

<http://myhero.com/shortfilms>

Please check out the film festival web site for lesson plans and more details.

<http://myhero.com/filmfestival>

Please note that short films must be mailed on DVD to the MY HERO Office. For details contact media@myheroproject.org

GETTING STARTED!

STUDENTS NEED TO REGISTER:

To create a hero Web page and upload artwork each student will need to **register** with a **username** and **password**.

<http://myhero.com/create>

Students can use your email address so we can notify you when their stories or artwork have been activated on the Web site.

Encourage students to remember or to write this down so they do not forget it!

When students register, please make sure they fill in the “**school field**” with their **school name**. This will help you locate their Web stories when you search the MY HERO database to build a class index page of your students’ work using the MY HERO Educator Tool- **ECREATE Program**.

<http://myhero.com/ecreate>

***Important Rules**

- 1. No hatred, violence or prejudice** – we are looking for heroes who inspire us with the best in humanity.
- 2. No plagiarism or copying** – work must be must be written in the student’s own words, not copied or copy/pasted. Artwork should be original.
- 3. Credit all sources and include URLs**
Do not use generic credits like “Google” or “Yahoo” search engines. Text from other sources should appear with quotation marks and include a reference to the original source. All online sources for info should be cited and linked.
- 4. RELATED LINKS: Please include all online educational resources** used to research the essay, artwork or short film. Sources should be “linked” in that section of the MY HERO template. Example: The Library of Congress <http://www.loc.gov>

EDUCATOR ACCOUNTS

TEACHERS MUST REGISTER FOR AN EDUCATOR ACCOUNT- **<http://myhero.com/ECREATE>**

Registering as an educator will provide you with access to an online tool that allows you to search the MY HERO archive to build an index/directory Web page of your class work to share with students, teachers, parents and others around the world.

Log on to <http://myhero.com/ECREATE>
to register and select your user name and password.

Once your students have SUBMITTED their MY HERO Web pages they will be REVIEWED by the MY HERO staff to be sure that they are appropriate for students of all ages to read. Once APPROVED the students' Web pages are then ACTIVATED for public viewing online on the MY HERO Web site. Then you can use your EDUCATOR ACCOUNT by logging on to <http://myhero.com/ECREATE> to search the MY HERO database for your students' completed and activated MY HERO Web pages. You can then select their stories, art and short films, and add them to your class directory or index page.

Examples of ECREATE Pages:

Elementary School:

http://www.myhero.com/myhero/hero.asp?hero=valley_view_elementary_06

Middle School:

http://www.myhero.com/myhero/hero.asp?hero=memorial_ms_06

High School:

http://www.myhero.com/myhero/hero.asp?hero=Fredericksburg_04

College:

http://myhero.com/myhero/hero.asp?hero=Whitworth_University_07

Resources

<http://myhero.com/resources>

We highly recommend the **Resources Tab** in our **TEACHER'S ROOM**, where you can access lesson plans, tutorials, and PDF flyers.

<http://myhero.com/resources>

MY HERO Frequently asked Questions Tab (FAQ)

-FAQs tab gives quick answers to questions you may have.

<http://myhero.com/FAQ>

-**The Thematic Calendar** can be helpful for developing lessons about global and multicultural events throughout the year.

<http://myhero.com/calendar>

Please remember:

1. Students register, log in, build, save and/or submit stories (Create) and art (Gallery)
myhero.com/create

2. Please be sure to mail copies of short films to MY HERO:

**The MY HERO Project
1278 Glenneyre #286
Laguna Beach, CA. 92651
USA**

**3. Teachers can organize activated classroom Web pages under one index page by
accessing <http://myhero.com/ECREATE>**

We look forward to viewing your students' artwork, short films and reading their stories about their heroes!

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The MY HERO Project Team

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www.myhero.com

OTHER RESOURCES ON THE MY HERO WEBSITE

Teacher Lesson Plans
<http://myhero.com/lessonplans>

Writing for MY HERO

MY HERO as an ENGLISH WRITING PROJECT

Teacher's Guide to Using the MY HERO Create Program

by Jerrilyn Jacobs , Taft High School

http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/lessons_view.asp?id=2

Watch a "how to" short film about Jerrilyn Jacobs' Class

<http://www.myhero.com/movie/taft-web.mov>

MY HERO as an ENGLISH WRITING PROJECT

An Approach to Using MY HERO in the 7th to 10th Grade Classroom

by Susanne Nobles , Fredericksburg Academy (Fredericksburg, VA)

http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/lessons_view.asp?id=1

Watch a short film about Susan Nobles' class using MY HERO

<http://www.myhero.com/Quicktime/FredericksburgWeb-stream.mov>

Creating ART for MY HERO

Teacher's Guide to Using the MY HERO Virtual Art Gallery

by Victoria Murphy , The MY HERO Project (Laguna Beach, CA)

http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/lessons_view.asp?id=33

Creating Hero Art and Engaging Students to Select Role Models with Life Forming Values
"[Art] can be the change we need to see in the world."

by Victoria Murphy, The MY HERO Project

http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/lessons_view.asp?id=125

LEARNING CIRCLE

MY HERO Learning Circle by Wendy Jewell, The Schoolers

http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/lessons_view.asp?id=832

TEACHER HERO: WENDY JEWELL

http://myhero.com/myhero/hero.asp?hero=WendyJewell_07

Learning Circle Teacher Debbie Senger's Class ECREATE WEB PAGE

http://myhero.com/myhero/hero.asp?hero=NDE_learn_myhero_LC_07

Watch Teacher Debbie Senger's Class Project on GLOBAL TV

<http://myhero.com/globalTV>

FILM FESTIVAL

http://myhero.com/myhero/go/filmfestival/ff_resources.asp

Creating a Film for the MY HERO Short Film Festival

by Jerrilyn Jacobs, Taft High School

http://myhero.com/myhero/go/filmfestival/ff_resources.asp?cat=lesson

A web page on Wendy Milette Director of the MY HERO Film Festival

<http://myhero.com/myhero/hero.asp?hero=WendyMilette>

Exploring Film Genres for Telling Hero Stories:

Documentary Shorts by Wendy Milette

http://myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/lessons_view.asp?id=58

A short film about the vision for the MY HERO TV Show

<http://myhero.com/tvpitch>

Another excellent resource is online

Directing the Hero Within:

A Hands-On Guide to Digital Storytelling

By, For and About Young People

by Jennifer Lyons-Reid & Carl Kuddell

http://myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/lessons_view.asp?id=1708

MY HERO PDF FLYERS TO DOWNLOAD

Participate Flyer:

http://www.myhero.com/newsletter_html/myheroparticipateflyer72006.pdf

Create A My Hero Web Page:

http://www.myhero.com/newsletter_html/myherocreateflyer72006.pdf

Film Festival Poster:

http://www.myhero.com/natetwork/filmfest2008_myhero.pdf

Gallery Flyer:

<http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/pdf/galleryflyer2.pdf>

CHECK OUT MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH MY HERO

- **GUESTBOOK** <http://myhero.com/guestbook>
 - Sign-in to honor and celebrate heroes from all walks of life in this online journal.
- **FORUM** <http://myhero.com/forum>
 - Exchange opinions and ideas with peers around the world on a variety of topics on this Forum.
- **LIBRARY** <http://myhero.com/library>
 - View a virtual collection of biographies about heroes featured on the Web site.
- **HEROES IN THE NEWS** <http://myhero.com/newswire>
 - Bring current events into the classroom with a focus on ordinary people who have made an extraordinary difference.
- **MI HEROE** <http://miheroe.org>
 - Read and submit stories in Spanish about heroes around the world on the Spanish version of MY HERO.
- **iEARN** <http://iearn.org/>

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