

Hero Essay Directions:**Date Due:** February 7, 2011 [No late papers accepted. Plan ahead]

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 - an interest-arousing introduction,
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 - a fully developed body using a variety of modes of development (see below),
 - and a conclusion that does NOT summarize the essay. Universalize, discuss significance.
- The body of the essay** needs to use **a minimum of three different modes of development** and be written using specifics, not vague generalities. Modes of development can include:

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| b. Definition | h. Contrast |
| c. Historical background | i. Examples |
| d. Factual details (such as those found in history books, etc.) | j. Statistics |
| e. Narration (telling a story) | k. Quotations |
| f. Cause/Effects | l. Classification |
| | m. Dialogue |

Use at least 3 of these (More is better)

- Content:** Write an personal reaction essay about your personal hero. This could be someone you know, such as a relative, a coach, a teacher, some key person in your life. It could be a public figure, such as an athlete, politician, dignitary, etc. It could also be an historical figure, either living or dead. Your essay should offer specific reasons, using a variety of modes of development, that state why this person serves as your personal hero. Be sure to include not only details about the person, but the values and lessons that you have learned from this person. Be as specific as possible. Include a Works Cited, if needed.
- Format:**

MLA formatted with page headers	Typed
Double spaced	Proofread carefully
One inch margins	Optional: You may include pictures, images, etc.
- Grading:**
 - This essay will be worth 60 pts.
 - Grade will be based on: A. Personal response essay structure and format. B. Inclusion of 3 or more modes of body development C. Grammar and mechanics, to include spelling, punctuation, pronoun/noun agreement, noun/verb agreement, wordiness, redundancy, capitalization, parallel sentence structure, incorrect word use (there, their, it's, its, etc.).

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