

# TELLING Your Everyday Hero's Story

Many times when you hear about people in the news, the story is about a bad thing that the person has done. Imagine a world where you could turn on the TV or flip to the front page of the newspaper, and you could find stories about the good things that people are doing. In today's world, it is especially important for good news to be heard. Everyone loves a good story- especially when it is true.

## Everyday Heroes Robert and Cheri Taylor

collaborated to start Blushing Sky Writer's Playground, a writing workshop for kids, so that they could inspire others to write. Their passion for sharing their talents has taken them into hospitals and correctional institutions where many of the young people don't have a lot of chances left to turn their lives around. The Taylor's teaching of expressive writing has proven to help troubled kids to better understand their pasts and think realistically about their futures. Their message gives hope to kids. When you ask Ms. Taylor why she thinks it is important to write, she says, "Everyone should write because there is always someone out there who needs to hear what you have to say."



This is your chance to let someone know about your Everyday Hero in a way that is unique and interesting. A good story is strong in the following ways:

**Strength of your idea** - Why is your hero unique? Do you have enough information available to show how extraordinary they are?

**Specificity of examples supporting the theme** - ideally, your story will have a strong opening paragraph followed by three paragraphs of specific examples to support your theme. Your last paragraph will be the conclusion, or the summary paragraph which ties everything together.

**Organization of Essay** - Are the paragraphs well thought out and is the transition logical from one to the next?

**Depth of research** - Make sure you research your Hero well so that you have enough evidence to support your idea.

**Creativity of work** - Be creative and have fun with your story! Remember not to just tell the reader what you mean, but to paint a picture with words.

**Here is an outline of questions to help you get started.  
Remember, these are just suggestions;  
you can think outside the box and incorporate your own ideas as well:**

– Opening Paragraph –

Who is your hero? \_\_\_\_\_

My hero is unique because: \_\_\_\_\_

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**– Opening Paragraph (cont.) –**

People should know about my hero because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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My hero's story would be a good news story because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**– Supporting Paragraph 1 –**

My Everyday Hero excels in their field of work because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**– Supporting Paragraph 2 –**

My Everyday Hero has gone above and beyond for the benefit of others by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**– Supporting Paragraph 3 –**

The character traits of a role model that my hero exemplifies are: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**– Conclusion –**

Without my hero in the world, things would be different because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I look up to my hero because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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