

Writing Activity: Sketch a Hero

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Directions: Think of a person or character you consider to be a hero. Is he or she a sports figure? A community leader? A teacher? What are the qualities of your ideal hero? Create a character sketch of this person.

A character sketch is a simple composition without plot or development that presents a single character. To better understand this definition, think of a quick drawing upon which an artist may later develop a more finished painting.

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Use the chart on the following screens to gather details for your sketch. Choose the most important characteristics and qualities (character traits) of your hero. Then give one or more examples for each characteristic or quality. Consider the character's background, physical traits, motivation, personality, and actions. Use the most interesting qualities in your sketch.

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My Hero

One Important Quality	Example(s) of This Quality

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Another Important Quality

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A strong character sketch

- describes a person's interests, traits, skills, mannerisms, and personality
- paints a picture with words using strong descriptive language
- focuses on character traits that make the person unique