



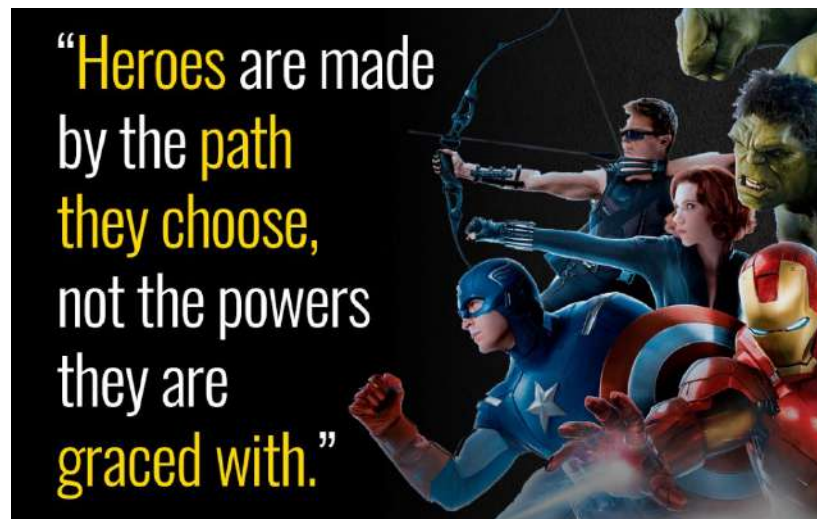
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2024 Wolverhampton Young Authors' Prize

Your Challenge:

Write an original, short story in no more than 400 words around a particular theme, with this year's theme being **'Heroes'**.



A Message From Author Dan Freedman:



The Story of a Real-Life Hero



Discussion Time

- Why could Malala be described as a real life hero?
- What characteristics do you think a hero should have?



Tip 1: Originality

Think of original ways to use this year's theme, 'Heroes'. You could use the images on the following slides as writing prompts:





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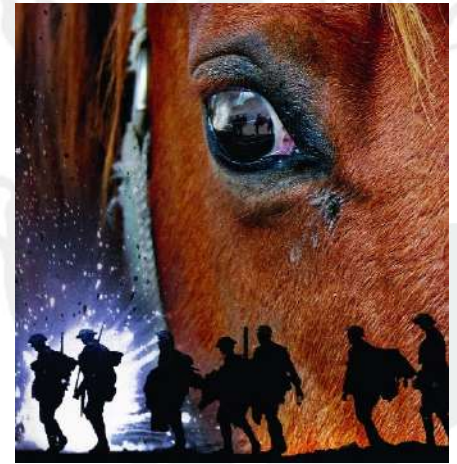
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Great Stories Featuring Heroes

Take a look at these examples from great children's literature that features heroes:



Discuss why these characters could be described as heroic.



Create a Heroic Main Character

1. Decide what type of a hero your character is most likely to be.
2. Your hero needs to be as relatable as possible, flaws and all.
3. Make sure you have clarity on your hero's journey and its stages



Competition Details



To enter this competition, submit your story to:

400Words@wgs-sch.net by Tuesday, 30th January.

Don't forget to include your first name, age and school in your email.

Winners will be announced in the following year group categories: Years 3 -5; Years 6 - 8; Years 9 -11.

The three winners will each receive a custom designed trophy and have their story read aloud by a well-known author during the live final, which is due to take place on Thursday, 8th February 2024.



We look forward to reading your stories.

Good luck!

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