



I Can Be a Hero Poem

Heroes:

Having people who believe in you and are there for you when you need them. The Condition of Heroes is about helping students recognize that they are Heroes to the people they interact with every day. Heroes do not have to be adults.

Objective:

Students will be able to reflect and identify what they have to offer and their potential to be an everyday Hero at school and in the community through writing a poem.

Materials:

Paper, writing supplies; iPad or other device with the Josephine Hart Poetry App.

Steps:

- Have each student write a personal poem.
- Invite students to start each line of their poem with "I am . . ."
- Students should include statements that identify their hopes, background, skills, and personal attributes. This may include favorite quotes, family traditions, or customs, for example.
- Suggest that the end of the poem be "Because I am all of these things, I can be a Hero."
- As the teacher, write your poem first and share with the class.
- Discuss with students that we all have so much potential to be a Hero because we are so unique.
- Allow students to write several drafts of the poem.
- Next, students should type their poems under the My Poems of the Poetry App. Click the plus sign in the corner to begin. Students will create a title for the poem and then tap on the text to start composing the poem. Students can increase their vocabulary by tapping the "inspire me" button. Next, students will read their poem by pressing the red, recording button.

Personal Reflection:

- What does it feel like to be a Hero?
- What can you do today to be a Hero to someone at school?
- What can you do to develop the Condition of Heroes for yourself?

Group Reflection:

- How do you see students being Heroes at your school?
- Why do you think it is important for students to respect each other?

Extended Learning:

Search CNN for the online video Heroes Young Wonder: Joshua Williams. Watch and reflect. How did Joshua use his passion to make a difference? Explore the CNN Heroes website to read more heroes' stories and watch their videos.

Notes
