



Researching Heroes

Suggested time: 3 Hours

What's important in this lesson:

- Research skills – Taking the main points from a primary source
- Learning how to provide proof for characteristics
- Learning how to use a Venn Diagram

Complete these steps:

1. Watch a movie or read a story about a hero.
2. While watching, complete the **Researching Heroes** worksheet.
 - Find characteristics of that hero and provide points to prove those characteristics.
 - An example of a characteristic is smart. An example of a reason for this characteristic is that the character received 100% on a school test.
 - Work on the handout on traits in order to develop understanding of what a character trait is and get ideas of vocabulary.
3. Complete the **Venn Diagram** worksheet 2.
 - Compare yourself or someone you know well to the hero you just learned about.
 - Write the character traits that are similar in the middle, overlapping section of the diagram.
4. Complete a **reflection journal** in your notebook.
 - The topic is: What makes someone a hero?

Hand-in the following to your teacher:

1. Researching Heroes worksheet
2. Venn Diagram worksheet
3. Reflection journal



Questions for the teacher:



Researching Heroes

Using this worksheet, record character traits and reasons (proof) for that trait, as you watch or read about your hero. Think of at least five traits.

For example: Superman

Trait – Brave Reason or Proof - He ran into a burning building.

Hero's name: _____

Character Trait	Reason
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	



Sample Character Traits- Worksheet

TRAIT	Definition	TRAIT	Definition
Trustworthy		Nice	
Mean		Introverted	
Funny		Greedy	
Poignant		Jealous	
Mature		Lazy	
Shy		Lovely	
Quiet		Friendly	
Indecisive		Cheerful	
Angry		Grumpy	
Out-going		Smart	
Racist		Clever	
Temper		Pout	
Silly		Disorganized	
Tough		Generous	
Scary		Punctual	
Sensitive		Loyal	
Rigid		Considerate	
Stoic		Passionate	
Brave		Joyful	
Annoying		Creative	
Weird		Talkative	
Skilled		Athletic	
Creepy		Loud	
Peaceful		Adaptable	



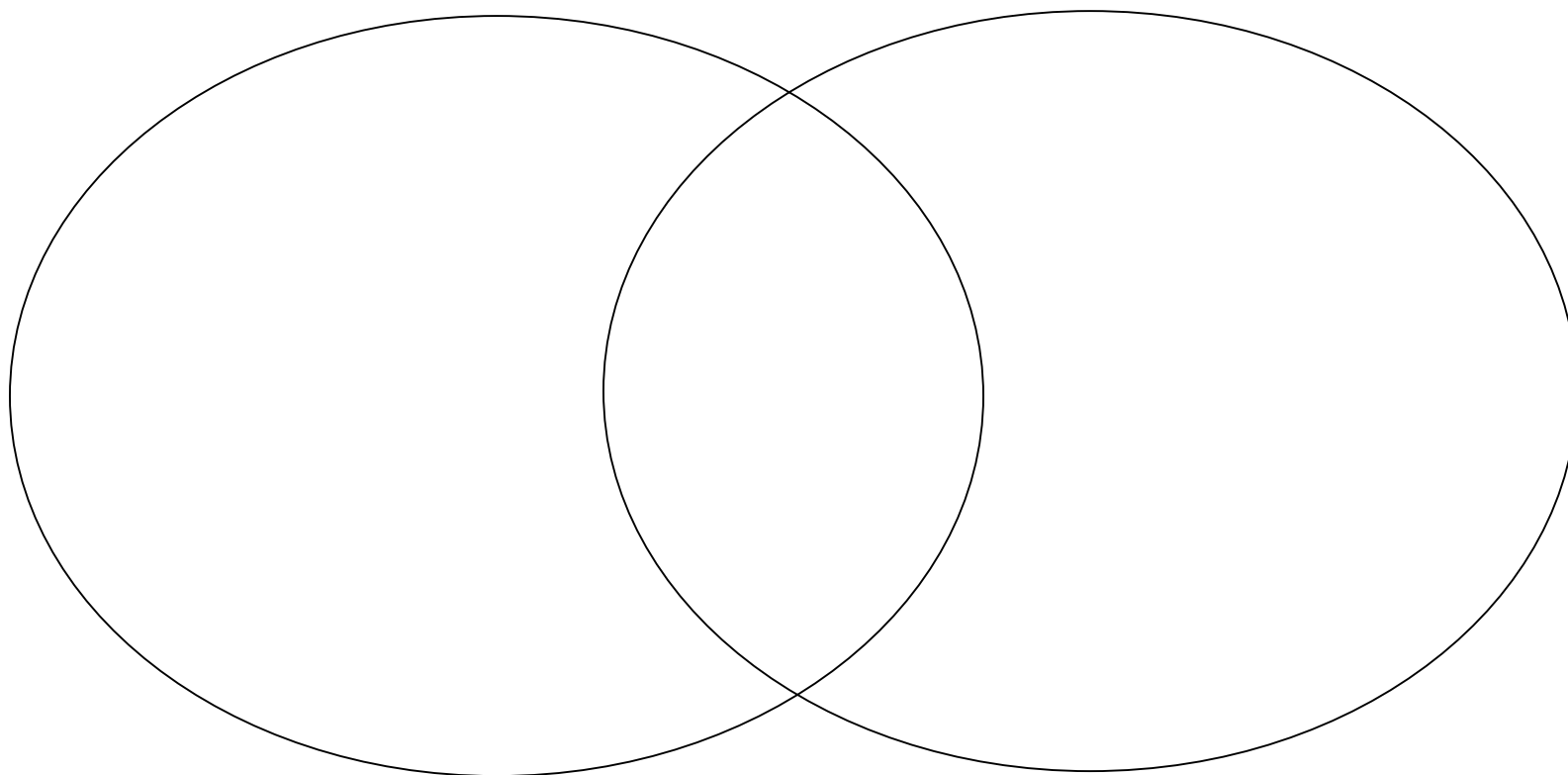
Student's Name: _____

Venn Diagram for Heroes

Hero's Characteristics

Similarities

Your Characteristics





Heroes

Reflecting upon the hero you learned about in lesson one and using your own background knowledge, write a one-page journal reflection on the following topic:

What makes someone a hero?