



Visitors of all ages can publish online tributes to heroes from all walks of life using the MY HERO Web design program. This program provides a user-friendly introduction to Web technology and allows great flexibility as students can access their hero stories from any computer with an Internet connection.

1. REGISTER

The registration page asks for relevant information such as name, grade, school, and email address. This information is only used to contact authors whose stories are "featured" and will not be given to any third party. Students may use a school contact or email address, rather than their own, in the requested field.

Teachers and after-school program instructors using this project in their classroom should ask all participating students to identify the name of the school or organization in the requested "organization field" on the registration page.

2. WRITE YOUR OWN HERO ESSAY

Stories can be prepared and saved as a text file in any word processing program, then copy and pasted into the Create paragraph template. Authors may return online to edit and revise their text as often as they like before they submit their story.

MY HERO encourages authors to answer these five questions in their essay:

1. WHO is your hero?
2. WHAT has your hero done?
3. WHERE does your hero live?
4. WHEN did your hero live?
5. WHY is this person important to you? (How has he or she made a difference in your life?)

3. ADD IMAGES TO YOUR WEBPAGE

Original artwork or photos can be scanned into the computer and then uploaded onto the MY HERO Webpage. Images must be saved as JPEG or GIF files at 72 dots per inch (dpi) maximum resolution (200k maximum file size). Choose the layout of the images (left, right or center of the text). Make sure to credit the photographer or artist who made the image.

Those without access to a scanner or digital photo tools can snail mail copies of their images to:

The MY HERO Project
1278 Glenneyre #286
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Do not send original photos or artwork. Be sure to clearly label the photos with the hero's name, your name and credit the photographer or artist who made the image.

Audio, video and multimedia files can also be added to MY HERO Webpages. Mail multimedia files to MY HERO on a CD-ROM, Zip disk, audio or digital videotape.

4. ADD APPROPRIATE LINKS

Research links to other educational Web sites, then copy and paste the URL for the Web site in the "Related Links" template in the MY HERO Web design program.

Link: The MY HERO Project

URL: <http://www.myhero.com>

Link Detail: MY HERO celebrates the best of humanity.

Clearly describe the names of the Web sites that you have chosen to link to and check that all of your links are working before you submit your story.

5. EDIT AND REVISE YOUR WEBPAGE

Log on to your MY HERO account to edit your Webpage, adjust image sizes and layout, place credits under images, and to add additional information such as a bibliography. Check your spelling and punctuation.

6. SUBMIT YOUR HERO STORY

Be sure to "SUBMIT" your finished work. All "submitted" stories are reviewed by MY HERO editors before they are activated for public viewing. If you included an email address when you registered to create a Webpage, you will receive an email notifying you when your story has been activated.

Activated stories can be found by searching the MY HERO database by name, keyword or organization. Teachers can locate their students' work by searching the MY HERO database with the name of their school or organization

7. PRIZES

Authors of stories "FEATURED" on the MY HERO Web site will be awarded a T-Shirt Prize.

