“My Hero” Essay:

For this, think about someone whom you consider a hero, choose a person whom you know personally Write a descriptive narrative about why this person is your hero. Illustrate how this person fits into hero status because he or she embodies the characteristics of a hero. Once you are finished with this essay, write a “Thank You” Letter to your Hero. Explain to him or her that they are your hero and why they are your hero. Use this to let them know how you feel. Essay should be at least 500 words, the Thank You Letter should be at least 350.

Characteristics of a Hero:

* Noble, Historical or Legendary
* Possess Character Traits that reflect ideals of society
* Courageous
* Superhuman physically or mentally
* Generous
* Honorable

Peer Editing Checklist:

What dominant impression does the essay convey? Is it stated or implied? Where? Should it be made more subtle? Why?

 Which details don’t support the dominant impression?

 How are the essay’s paragraphs organized? Spatially, emphatically, or by sensory impressions?

 Which paragraphs lack distinctive focus?

 Which paragraphs fail to engage the reader’s interests or senses?

 Which paragraphs fail to reveal character or contribute to mood?

 Where does commentary or description slow the narrative pace?

 Where should paragraph order be changed?

 What can be done to make the opening more compelling?

What can be done to make the essay’s closing more effective? What can be added or deleted to make the closing echo an idea or image?

 Are internal and external transitions used effectively throughout the paragraphs?

 Where should sentence structure be varied so it is less predictable and monotonous?

Where should the narrative pace be slowed down with long sentences or quickened with short ones?

Where could dialogue effectively convey character and propel the writing forward or replace commentary?

Which sentences are inconsistent with the essay’s tone?