

Unit I: Human Behavior

Grade Levels: K-1

Time: 45-60+ minutes

Lesson EI-3: Heroes in our Everyday Lives

Interdisciplinary Connection:

Literacy, music, art

Objectives:

- The students will be able to define the word hero.
- The students will be able to describe heroic behaviors.

Key Terms (when needed):

Hero **Characteristics**

Materials:

- Song: Hero by Enrique Iglesias and/or Hero by Mariah Carey. Play the song for the class if you have a copy. If music is not available, lyrics may be found at the following web site: http://www.oracleband.net/Lyrics/hero_carey.htm

Activities/Procedures:

- Have students clear their desks, and clear their minds. Tell the students to actively listen to the lyrics. Play a song about heroes. Example: Enrique Iglesias's Hero or Mariah Carey's Hero or other performance of the song.

Classroom Activity:

- Play the song through first, then replay while displaying lyrics.
- After the song, tell students to write down their thoughts/ideas and think about who came to mind when they heard the song.
- After students share their ideas, discuss how they would define the word hero. What makes a person a hero?
- Discuss, brainstorm and chart a list of heroes in their lives.
- Have students pick one person in their life who is their hero. They will write explaining why that person is their hero. They will draw a picture or make their hero a badge of honor.

*After students complete their writing and badge of honor they can present it to their heroes. (Alternate idea: have a hero day. Have students invite their heroes into their classroom. If a hero is not available, the student can try to bring in a photo of the hero. Each student can read their paragraph then present their hero with the badge of honor.)

Evidence of Understanding:

- The students will share their writing about heroes in their lives.

Extension Activities: Taking Action and Giving Service:

- The class can "Adopt a Hero" and invite the adopted hero into the class for the day. Make it a special day for everyone. Provide lunch, snacks, etc. for the "hero" as well as presenting the badge made to honor him/her. Take photos for a bulletin board and/or album, write a story to send to the local paper, etc.