Creative Nonfiction
Your Goal in this Module:

You will be writing a creative nonfiction piece about your everyday hero (someone in your life who you consider a hero). You will be interviewing your hero and then writing a character sketch essay about them. You will be incorporating some elements of good writing into your essay to make it more interesting and exciting to read.
The Heroes We Never Name

Back of the men we honor
Enrolled on the scroll of fame,
Are the millions who go unmentioned -
The heroes we never name!
Those who have won us the victories,
And conquered along the way;
Those who have made us a nation -
A tribute to them I would pay.

Back of our nation's first leader,
Of Lincoln and Wilson, too,
Back of the mind directing our course
Was the army that carried it through.
Back of the generals and captains
Was the tramping of rank and file,
And back of them were the ones at home
Who labored with tear and with smile.

And What of the "everyday" heroes
Whose courage and efforts ne'er cease!
Toilers who struggle and labor and strive
And hope for a future of peace?
Hats off to the worthy leaders;
Their honor I'd ever acclaim -
But here's a cheer for the many brave,
The heroes we never name.

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What do you think makes a hero?

Hero: a person noted for their courageous acts or nobility of character, a person who, in the opinion of others, has special achievements, abilities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model.

Idol: any person or thing regarded with blind admiration, adoration, or devotion, but without substance.

Heroes are...

- Heroes are not perfect
- Heroes stand for something
- Heroes make a difference
- Heroes can be unnoticed
- Heroes help
- Heroes may have abilities others want
- Heroes beat the odds

Identify a hero you know and describe why this person is an "everyday" hero. What lesson does his/her life teach us?
Read this mentor text, and complete the handout in the other link

As you read the mentor text, complete this noticing page
LUNCH LADIES ARE HEROES.

This is Jarrett Krosoczka’s Ted Talk about why lunch ladies are heroes. Watch the video and answer the questions as they come up.

[Jarrett J. Krosoczka: Why lunch ladies are heroes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zB1Ck3v17A)
How Can Mentors Turn An Uncertain Journey Into A Heroic One?
Click on the link below to complete your character sketch outline. This is where you will interview your hero and make notes to help yourself to prepare for your essay:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwVsZBMfYgO1dnpqRmg5Z2dWbE0/view
Now it is your turn to write your own essay!

Click on the link to help you meet all the requirements:

[Hero Character Sketch Essay Requirements](#)
Go back to your essay and underline:

- your sensory details & literary devices
- places where you showed who your person is like through their actions
- Quotes your hero said
- What do you like best about your piece?