

English IV – Argumentative Essay

Every single one of us wants to be a hero, being recognized because of their bravery, courage, or special abilities that make them stand out from the rest. But what stops us from being heroes? Is it just a privilege of some fortunate people, or is it something that as humans we all share? The answer to this question is yes, heroism is something we all share as humans, no matter how, there will always be an opportunity throughout our lives, to become heroes.

First, to be a hero, we need to briefly explain what makes a hero... a hero. In modern society, we tend to associate heroes with the idea of a comic superhero who has a cool suit and some supernatural powers that make him special, but to be a hero, the main values that are required are determination and selflessness, where you are willing and determined to help someone, not even expecting a “thank you” from them.

Some people may say that to be a hero you need to have some unique ability that makes you stand out from the rest, but that is very far from the truth; every single one of us, over the course of our lives, will have an opportunity to behave heroically, and the decision we make in that exact moment, is what will make us (or not) a hero.

Let us take for example the case of the ferry captains who on September 11, 2001, saved about 500,000 New Yorkers from the collapsing World Trade Center buildings. It was not in their plans being heroes; at any other occasion, no one would consider a ferry captain a hero, but it was the response that they had in that situation what made them, to this day, be remembered as the heroes who prevented thousands of people from dying in that horrifying day.

One thing that is important to keep in mind is that very often, heroes do not get the recognition they deserve for what they did, and that is okay, especially when we consider how unfair society can be sometimes, but this one of the key elements that show how every single one can be a hero if we take the risk and the initiative to be one. You do not need to save people from gigantic collapsing buildings to be a hero, saving a little animal that is trapped, or helping someone who is going through a demanding situation, also makes you a hero.

To conclude, I would like to affirm that heroism is not reserved for a select few; it is a quality that resides within each one of us, waiting to be awakened by the right circumstances. As illustrated by the ferry captains on that fateful day in 2001, it is not about having extraordinary powers or unique abilities but about the choices we make at crucial moments. True heroes are defined by their determination and selflessness, their willingness to lend a helping hand when it is needed the most.