

What is a Hero?

- strength
- leadership
- intelligence
- cleverness
- someone who does something extraordinary
- someone who conquers some great challenge
- someone who endures great hardship, persecution, loss of property or loss of loved ones
- risks his or her life trying to find help for the town and people he or she loves
- risks being unpopular
- rescues strangers
- puts himself or herself in harm's way to save the lives of others, and almost loses his or her own life in the process

The difference between a celebrity and a hero

- Celebrities are not the same thing as heroes. Heroes existed way before celebrities ever did.
- The main difference between heroes and celebrities is that heroes show us that you have to make **sacrifices** if you want to achieve anything worthwhile. No-talents become celebrities all the time. The result is that people don't seem to care about achievement or talent -- fame is the only objective.
- What is a hero? Despite immense differences in cultures, heroes around the world generally share a number of traits that instruct and inspire people.
 - A hero has some unusual feature or quality that sets him or her apart from ordinary people, even before he setting out on a heroic quest
 - A hero does something worth talking about, but a hero goes beyond mere fame or celebrity.
 - The hero lives a life worthy of imitation. If they serve only their own fame, they may be celebrities but not heroes.
 - Heroes inspire change. They set new directions for society. They create new possibilities. They have a vision, and the skill and charm to implement their vision.
- Heroes do the right thing because it is the right thing to do.