

## Japanese Hero Project

Due Date: April 8, 2019

For the fourth International Studies Project, the students will research Japanese heroes who inspire the people of Japan to become better citizens.

What is a hero? A hero is a person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his or her brave deeds and honorable qualities. Throughout this project you will explore the following essential questions in order to research and reflect about the Japanese Hero that you select.

The questions are as follows:

1. What makes him/ her a Japanese hero?
2. How did this person make a difference in Japan?
3. How does this person inspire the people of Japan to become better citizens?

To complete this project, complete the following steps:

Step 1: Choose a well-known Japanese person to research.

Who do you think is a Japanese Hero or Heroine? Choose a person from the list below to research. More people can be found at [thefamouspeople.com](http://thefamouspeople.com)

### Business

- Shigeru Miyamoto
- Satoru Iwata
- Masayoshi Son
- Momofuku Ando
- Hiroyuki Nishimura

### Film and Theater

- Hayao Miyazaki
- Pat Morita
- Akira Kurosawa
- Mako Iwamatsu
- Yukio Mishima

### Leaders

- Akihito
- Hideki Tojo
- Isoroku Yamamoto
- Shinzo Abe
- Tokugawa Ieyasu

## Step 2: Read and Research

Once you have found out the person that you would like to do your project on, you will begin your research. Use internet research and books to find information about your hero. As you conduct your research, begin to take notes on your hero. Use the graphic organizers provided to compile notes.

## Step 3: Write an Essay

After conducting your research, pre-write and write an essay that answers the following questions:

- What makes him/ her a Japanese hero?
- How did this person make a difference in Japan?
- How does this person inspire the people of Japan to become better citizens?

## Step 4: Create a Project

When you have completed your essay, you can then take the information that you write about in order to create an engaging project that will help your classmates learn about your hero.

Using a manila folder, that will be provided for you, you will design a newspaper all about your Japanese Hero.

For this creative writing assignment, students will:

- Write a newspaper article about the person's early life.
- Write a newspaper article about the most important events that happened in the person's life and what made this person a hero.
- Create a comic strip based on an important event in the person's life.
- Create a timeline based on the person's life. Include 7 events that occurred during that person's life.

The form is a newspaper template with the following sections:

- Header:** TITLE OF NEWSPAPER, CITY, EDITOR, Weather (with a cloud icon).
- Article 1:** Headline Article #1 (with a small image placeholder).
- Article 2:** Headline Article #2 (with a small image placeholder).
- Cartoon:** A box labeled 'Cartoon' with a grid of lines for drawing.
- Timeline:** A section labeled 'TIMELINE' with a horizontal axis and seven circular markers for events.

\* Be on the lookout for dates in which the students can stay after school with Ms. Davis for help on their project!



## Japanese Heroes Essay Rubric

	<u>4.</u> <u>Secure</u>	<u>3.</u> <u>Developing</u>	<u>2.</u> <u>Beginning</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Content	<p>All necessary content is successfully included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Introduction paragraph includes:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Catchy lead &amp; introduces hero/heroine</li> <li>□ Introduces why your person is an Japanese Hero</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ Body paragraphs include the following details:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Thorough explanation of why your person is an Japanese Hero</li> <li>□ How your hero/heroine made a difference in Japan</li> <li>□ How the person inspires the people of Japan to become better citizens</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Conclusion paragraph includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Summary of main ideas</li> <li>□ Call to Action statement to your readers</li> </ul>	<p>Most necessary content is included</p>	<p>Some necessary content is included</p>	<p>Little or no necessary content is included</p>
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Paragraphs include an introduction sentence and concluding sentence</li> </ul>	<p>Most paragraphs include an introduction &amp; concluding sentences</p>	<p>No introduction or concluding sentences</p>	<p>No introduction or concluding sentences</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Sentences are clear and have complete thoughts; transitions are used to link ideas</li> </ul>	<p>Most sentences are clear; some transitions</p>	<p>Sentences are unclear OR no transitions used</p>	<p>Sentences are unclear &amp; no transitions used</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ 1-2 pages typed essay in 12 to 14 point font</li> </ul>	<p>1-2 pages typed essay in 12 to 14 point font</p>	<p>Typed essay is less than 1 typed page</p>	<p>Typed essay is less than 1/2 page</p>
Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Uses a variety of sentence structures</li> <li>□ Takes risks with strong vocabulary</li> </ul>	<p>Takes risks with vocabulary</p>	<p>Somewhat varies vocabulary</p>	<p>Uses simple vocabulary</p>
Mechanics & Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Punctuation and spelling is correct</li> <li>□ Homophones are used correctly</li> </ul>	<p>There are very few mechanical &amp; usage errors</p>	<p>There are several errors</p>	<p>Most sentences have errors</p>

## Japanese Heroes Project Graphic Organizer

Jot down notes as you read about your hero here!

<p>What makes your person a Hero?</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>How did this person make a difference in the country of Japan?</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>How does this person inspire the Japanese people to become a better Japanese Citizens?</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>What other important facts that have you learned about your person?</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>

## Japanese Heroes Essay Pre-Write

Pre-write for your explanatory essay here!

Introduction Paragraph:

Catchy lead (introduce hero):

Introduce why they are a hero:

Body Paragraph 1:

Explain why your person is a hero:

Body Paragraph 2:

Explain how he/she made a difference in Japan:

Body Paragraph 3:

Explain how he/she inspires the people there to become a better Japanese Citizens:

Conclusion Paragraph:

Summary of main ideas:

Call of Action Statement: