

Heroism in History

“Heroes are ordinary people who make themselves extraordinary” -- Gerard Way

Goal: This year we will be completing several assignments that help practice the skills needed to complete a thoughtful, engaging, and historically accurate piece of writing. This assignment requires you to combine your own personal point of view with historically accurate facts and reasoning to back up your opinion.

Paragraph Writing Prompt: What is a key characteristic of being a hero and based on that identified characteristic, do the actions of slave rebellion leaders Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey and/or Nat Turner make them a hero?

Calendar:

Wed 10/17, Thurs 10/18, /Fri 10/19 Background on Vesey, Prosser and Turner and their attempted rebellions and discussion of what it takes to be called a hero.

Fri 10/19 -- Introduction of Writing Assignment

Weekend HW: Make a word splash for the word HERO. These are characteristics heroes possess. Try to identify at least 5 people who you would argue could be called a HERO.

Mon 10/22: Select key quality for writing piece, introduce and work on graphic organizer

Tues 10/23: Review Writing in History Rules and discuss topic/concluding sentences, work on graphic organizer.

Wed 10/24: Writing paragraph in class, self-editing checklist, turn in by end of class

Your Name:

Date

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Heroic Quality:

Topic Sentence:

Supportive Example #1 (bullet point only!)

Does this show that slave leader should be considered a hero? Why or why not?(bullet point only!)

Supportive Example #2 (bullet point only!)

Does this show that slave leader should be considered a hero? Why or why not?(bullet point only!)

Supportive Example #3 Optional (bullet point only!)

Does this show that slave leader should be considered a hero? Why or why not?(bullet point only!)

Concluding Sentence:

Your Name:

Date
