Outline for Essay Draft

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| **Paragraph #1:**  Hook- May start with question  Background- What do people normally think about when they think of heroes? Mention names that your reader can identify with. Next, explain TWO REASONS why heroes are important. Use two, separate sentences for this.  Thesis: What is your definition of a hero?  (5 sentence minimum) |
| **Paragraph #2:**  Create a lead-in sentence to transition to explaining the most important traits of a hero.  Explain trait/reason #1   * What does this trait mean? * Why is it important to being a hero? * Make a connection   Explain trait/reason #2   * What does this trait mean? * Why is it important to being a hero? * Make a connection   (5-8 sentence minimum) |
| **Paragraph #3:**  Create a lead in sentence to transition to explaining your best examples of a hero.  Example #1 Who is this person? Provide background  How does this person show the traits that you mentioned above?  What SPECIFIC things have they done to show these traits?  Example #2  Who is this person? Provide background  How does this person show the traits that you mentioned above?  What SPECIFIC things have they done to show these traits?  (5-8 sentence minimum) |
| **Paragraph #4:**  Explain ONE thing that a hero is NOT.  Why is this a trait that a hero should AVOID?  Where have you noticed this trait, and what affect did it have on others?  (5 sentence minimum) |
| **Paragraph #5:**  What lessons can we learn from heroes?  How do the experiences of these heroes help us in our lives?  (5 sentence minimum) |