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iCivics Readers

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Readers



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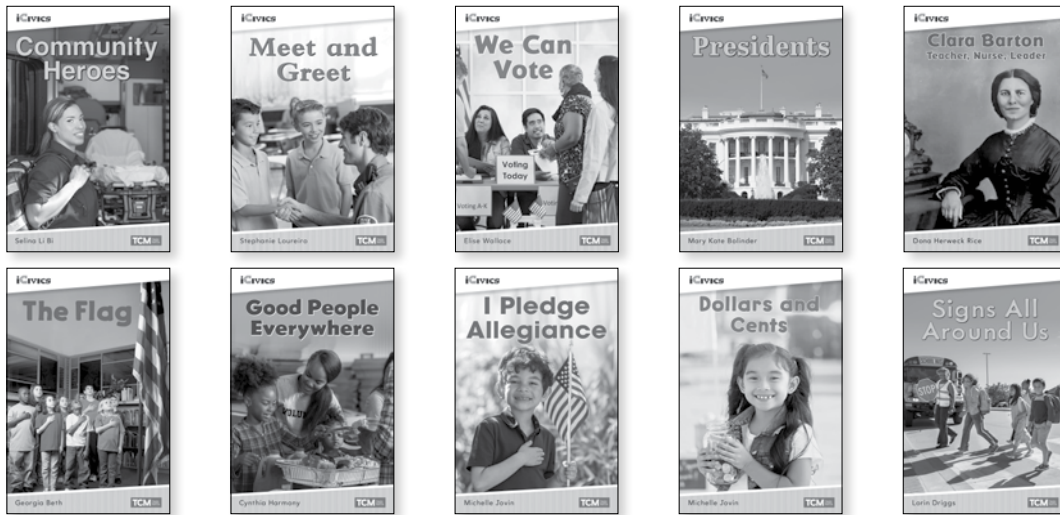
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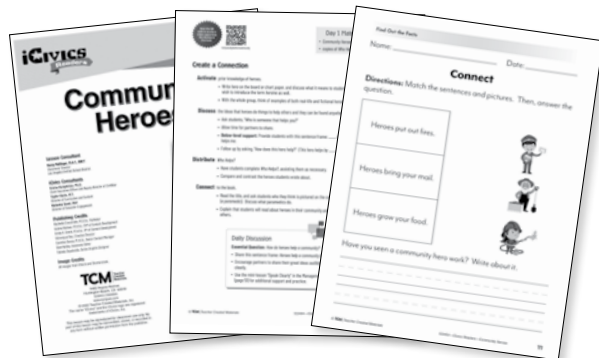
Kit Components

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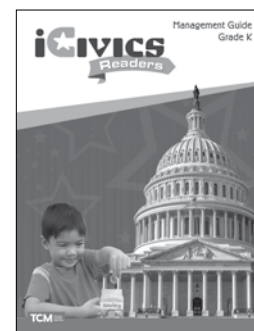
Full-color readers integrate civics with fiction and nonfiction.

Lesson Plans



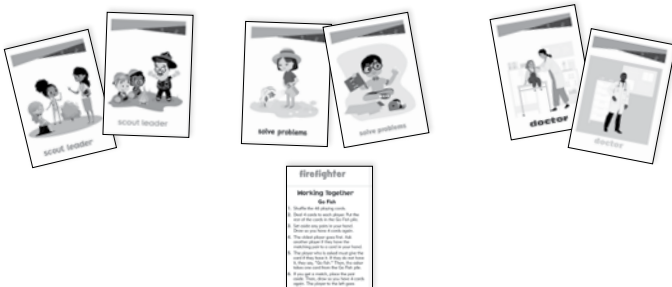
Lesson plans include targeted instruction, essential questions, and numerous opportunities for civic discourse.

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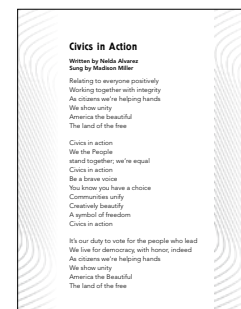
Management Guide provides program information and research-based teaching ideas.

Game Card Decks



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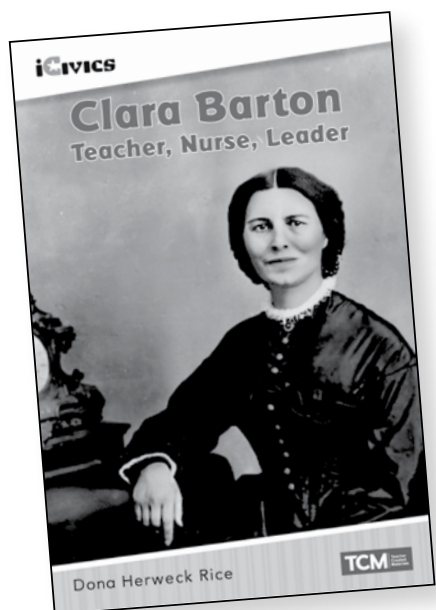
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Ebooks, videos, and audio recordings increase student engagement and enhance instruction.

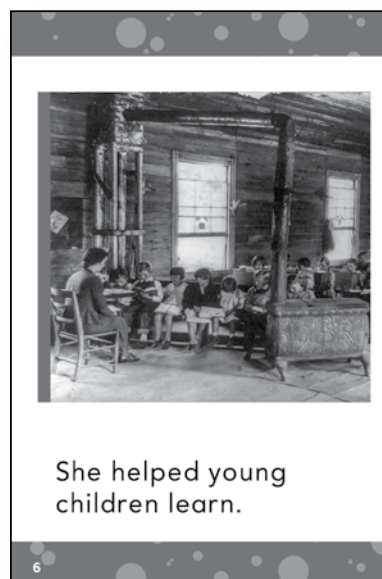
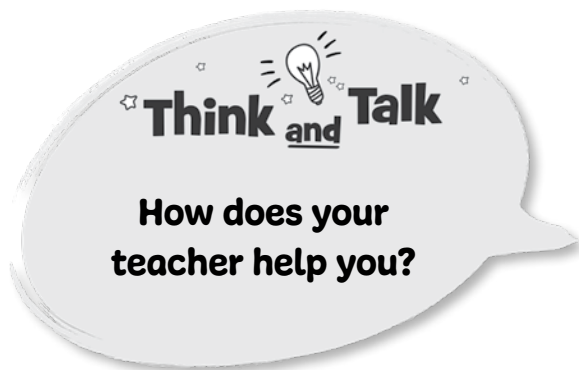
About the Readers

iCivics Readers features hybrid readers, which contain both fiction and nonfiction on the same topic. An embedded fictional story in each nonfiction reader grabs students' interest, helps them make concrete connections, and launches them into learning about key civics topics.



Clear text features guide students into and out of the fiction and nonfiction.

Think and Talk graphics encourage students to discuss the text.



Meaningful images enhance informational text for students.

Lesson Plans (cont.)

The clean and concise lesson plan format in *iCivics Readers* ensures that all teacher instructions are teacher friendly and easy to implement. The lesson plans allow teachers to successfully meet their students' needs:

- Quickly glance at lesson plans, read the major steps, and get a quick overview of the lesson.
- Easily find where you are in the lesson while teaching.
- Make notes on the lesson before, during, and after teaching to help support your unique teaching styles and needs.

Daily materials are listed to simplify lesson preparation.

Differentiation options are provided throughout the lesson.

Skill-focused daily discussions explicitly support the development of speaking and listening skills and augment civic discourse.

Opportunities for student reflection and reading assessment options are provided at the end of each lesson.

The image shows a sample lesson plan page for 'The Flag'. The page is titled 'The Flag' on the left side. The main content is organized into sections: 'Nonfiction: Find Out the Facts (cont.)', 'Review', 'Distribute', 'Assign', 'Daily Discussion', and 'Fiction/Nonfiction Text Extension'. A callout box titled 'Day 4 Materials' lists: 'The Flag books', 'sticky notes', 'copies of Figuring Out Words (page 11)', and 'copies of A Flag Story (page 12), optional'. Another callout box titled 'Daily Discussion' contains a 'Day 4 Question: Why do people show respect for a flag?' and an instruction to discuss with partners. A third callout box points to the 'Fiction/Nonfiction Text Extension' section, which asks students to use 'A Flag Story' to plan a narrative about a flag. The page number '6' is at the bottom left, and the footer includes '123384—iCivics Readers—The Flag' and '© TCM | Teacher Created Materials'.

Blended Learning (cont.)

Videos

Even before *Schoolhouse Rock!*® was teaching children how to multiply between Saturday morning cartoons, educators knew the value of incorporating images, videos, and songs into their teaching. Studies show that students retain information better when multimedia components are included in instruction (Mayer and Johnson 2008). Students today are accustomed to visual learning environments and gathering information from screens.



The multimedia components included in *iCivics Readers* give students an introduction to civics, government, civic engagement, communities, and taking action. They will inspire students to want to learn more about being global citizens and encourage them to use their voices to be heard. The need for civic education is significant, and incorporating fun, engaging methods of delivery for this instruction helps to ensure students will retain the information.

Meet the Experts

Experts from iCivics answer questions such as: *What is civics? How can people get involved in their communities? What does it look like to be civic minded? Why is it important that people in our society think about things in different ways? and What is the meaning of global citizenship?* Hearing directly from civics experts will have an impact on students and help them realize the importance of this topic.

- Use these videos to help reinforce concepts introduced in the Civics in Action activities.
- Review these videos while discussing with students the importance of civic education. (Also reference the Ask the Civics Experts section on pages 19–21 in this book.)

Book Highlight Videos

These videos are aligned with a couple different themes in *iCivics Readers* to provide an additional layer of content for students. Each video has its own engaging format, making the videos a fun way to connect with the civics content and inspiring students to make their own videos. The videos can be accessed through the Digital Resources or by using the QR codes in the books and lesson plans.

- The **Making Changes Together** videos highlight key topics and ideas from the books. A variety of grade-appropriate visual styles helps to engage students.
- The **Words to Remember** text-based videos incorporate engaging thematic content. Students will be able to visualize the words that exemplify civic ideals.
- Use the videos to introduce the books they're associated with.
- Have students create their own book-based videos after watching these videos as examples.



Songs

Songs are another way to engage students when introducing complex topics. Researchers found positive correlations between music and its effect on attention and learning in classrooms (Geist and Geist 2012). Educational music and videos allow teachers to present information in ways students will respond to and remember. Songs play over and over in students' heads and can really make an impact on them.

“Civics in Action” Theme Song

The *iCivics Readers* theme song, “Civics in Action,” gives students an introduction to civic engagement, government, communities, and taking action. The chorus of the song is included as part of all the videos to tie the series together and make it very familiar to students. The full song as well as the chorus alone are provided with and without vocals so you can use them in a variety of ways.

- Play the full theme song to motivate and engage students.
- Play the song and sing along with students using the lyrics provided in the Digital Resources.
- Have students make videos to illustrate the meaning of the chorus of the song.
- Encourage students to write their own verses to add to the song and provide time for them to perform.

Songs of America

Included in the Digital Resources are some patriotic songs so you and your students can listen to and sing along with these familiar tunes. Tracks with and without the lyrics are provided when possible to allow you flexibility in how you use the songs with your students. Copies of the lyrics of the songs are also provided in the Digital Resources for your easy reference.

- Play the songs and discuss what the lyrics meant long ago and today.
- Ask students where they have heard the songs before.
- Have students write their own modern lyrics to update the songs.

Additional Digital Resources

The Digital Resources also includes additional files to support your use of this resource. See page 64 for more information.

- read-along ebooks
- PDF ebooks
- audio recordings of the books
- lesson plan PDFs
- student reproducibles
- links to online videos connected to civics
- primary source images to support content in the books

Community Heroes

Community heroes are all around us. They help us every day.

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Community Heroes

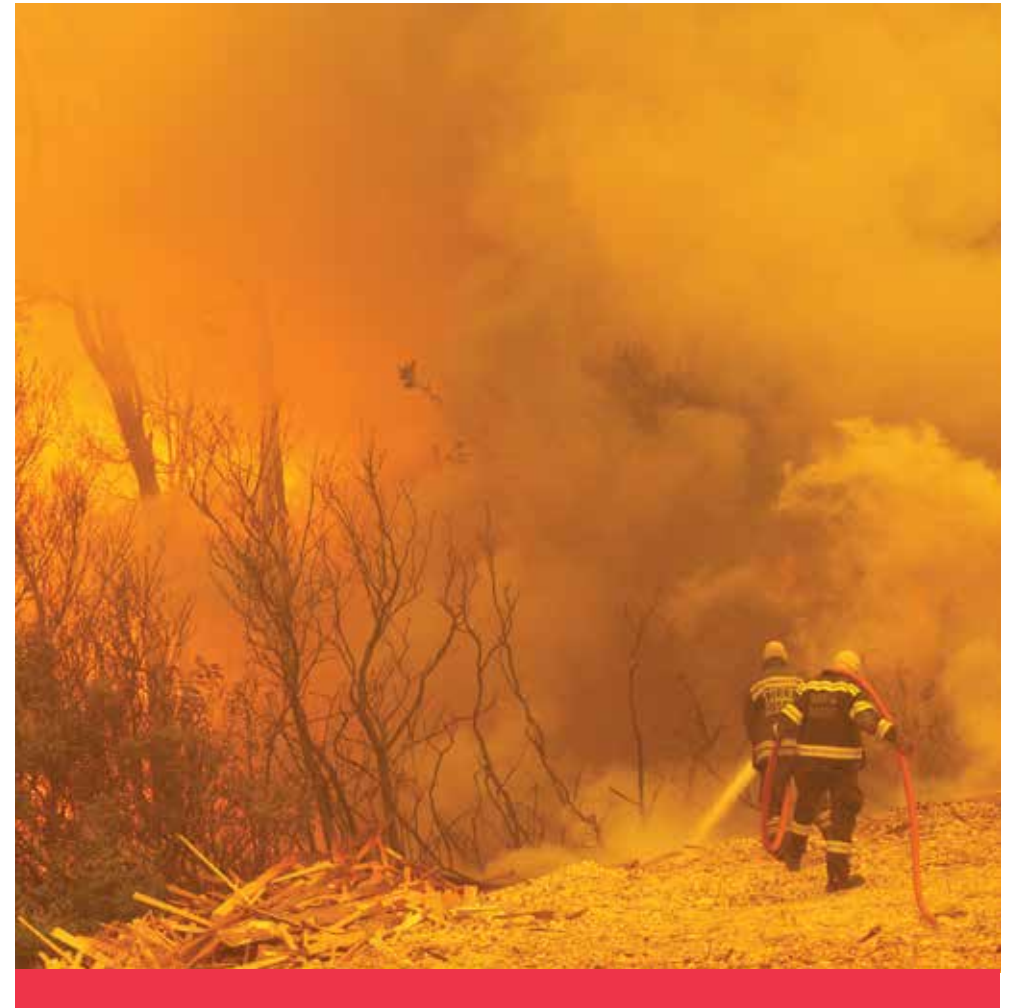




Heroes are all around us.



They help put out fires.





They help sick people.



They help bring the mail.



They help clean up.



They help pets find homes.



They help grow food.



Think
and
Talk



Where does food
come from?



Heroes help us!

Jump into
Fiction



Our Food Heroes

They plant seeds.
Plants grow.

They sell food.
The food helps us grow!



Civics in Action

Look around. There are many heroes. They help others.

1. Think of the adults at your school. What jobs do they do? How do they help?
2. Choose one person. Write and draw about them. Show how they help.
3. Show the person what you made. Say thank you!



Community Heroes

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Standards

Content

- ★ Understands the importance of work as a characteristic of American society (e.g., work is important to the well-being of the family and community).

Literacy

- ★ With prompting and support, identifies characters, settings, and major events in a story.
- ★ With prompting and support, describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.
- ★ Speaks audibly and expresses thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.
- ★ Participates in shared research and writing projects.



Essential Question

How do heroes help a community?

English Language Proficiency Support

Use these strategies throughout the lesson.

Level 1

- Model careful and clear speech as students begin to use new words and phrases to convey ideas.

Level 2

- Chunk words into phrases and indicate stressed syllables to help students use new words and phrases to convey ideas.

Level 3

- Support students in using precise language to effectively present their ideas in whole-group discussions.

Timeline

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Create a Connection (page 3)	Fiction: Time for a Story (page 4)	Nonfiction: Find Out the Facts (pages 5 and 6)		Civics in Action (page 7)
Use prior knowledge to identify community heroes and the work they do.	Read a fictional passage, and practice identifying events.	Learn about and practice making connections within a text and to self.	Read about community heroes, and make connections within a text and to self.	Identify school heroes, and participate in a shared writing activity.



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Day 1 Materials

- *Community Heroes* books
- copies of *Who Helps?* (page 8)

Create a Connection

Activate prior knowledge of heroes.

- Write *hero* on the board or chart paper, and discuss what it means to students. You may wish to introduce the term *heroine* as well.
- With the whole group, think of examples of both real-life and fictional heroes.

Discuss the ideas that heroes do things to help others and they can be found anywhere.

- Ask students, “Who is someone that helps you?”
- Allow time for partners to share.
- **Below-level support:** Provide students with this sentence frame: ____ *is someone who helps me.*
- Follow up by asking, “How does this hero help?” (*This hero helps by ____.*)

Distribute *Who Helps?*

- Have students complete *Who Helps?*, assisting them as necessary.
- Compare and contrast the heroes students wrote about.

Connect to the book.

- Read the title, and ask students who they think is pictured on the cover of the book (*a paramedic*). Discuss what paramedics do.
- Explain that students will read about heroes in their communities and what heroes do to help others.

Daily Discussion

Essential Question: *How do heroes help a community?*

- Share this sentence frame: *Heroes help a community by ____.*
- Encourage partners to share their ideas audibly and clearly.
- Use the mini-lesson “Speak Clearly” in the Management Guide (page 51) for additional support and practice.

Day 2 Materials

- *Community Heroes* books
- copies of *Three Events* (page 9)

Fiction: Time for a Story

Distribute the books.

- Ask students to recall the title of the book and the hero on the front cover.
- Tell students that they will read a story about heroes.

Explain the reading strategy—*identifying characters, settings, and events*—including the following points:

- Characters are the people in a story. The setting is where the story takes place. The events are the key things that happen in a story.
- Identifying the characters, setting, and events helps readers better understand the story.

Introduce the story (pages 18–19).

- Ask students to describe the setting based on what they see in the picture.
- Ask students who they think the characters are based on what they see.
- Have students share with partners who they think the hero is. Write their responses for all to see.
- Ask students to listen for three events as you read the story aloud.
- **English language support:** Help students pantomime actions to go along with the words in the story.
- Have partners talk about the events in the story using the words *first*, *second*, and *third*.

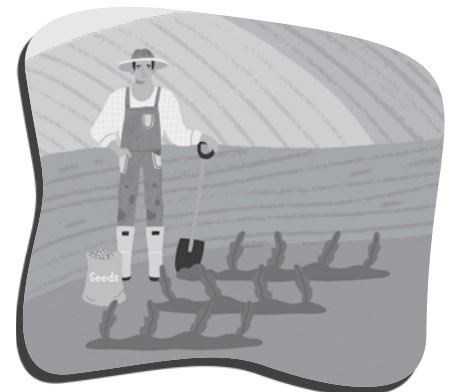
Assign the following activity:

- Complete *Three Events*.

Daily Discussion

Day 2 Question: *What makes someone a hero?*

- Share this sentence frame: *One thing that makes someone a hero is ____.*
- Remind partners that sharing audibly and clearly is important.



Day 3 Materials

- *Community Heroes* books
- copies of *Two Heroes* (page 10)

Nonfiction: Find Out the Facts

Distribute the books.

- Show students the front cover of the book. Read aloud the back cover.
- Have students predict with partners the kinds of heroes they might find in the book.

Explain the reading strategy—**making connections**—including the following points:

- Connections help readers better understand and remember what they are reading.
- Readers can make a personal connection to the text or a connection between different parts of a text.

Model making connections.

- Read aloud the sentence on page 2, and point out the pictures on pages 2–3.
- Talk about the types of heroes depicted, how they differ, and how they are alike. Also encourage students to make connections to community heroes they know about.
- **Above-level support:** Challenge students to group heroes in some way (e.g., by job type, by uniform, by who they help).
- Encourage students to continue making connections while you read aloud pages 4–9.

Assign the following activities to students, assisting them as necessary:

- Choose one page spread that shows more than one hero.
- Complete *Two Heroes*.

Daily Discussion

Day 3 Question: *How are heroes the same?*

- Review the strategy of speaking clearly and audibly. Discuss how sitting up straight can help students speak audibly. Discuss how a complete answer can help students answer a question clearly.
- Share this sentence frame: *One way heroes are the same is _____.*
- Have partners discuss the question, remembering to speak clearly.

Day 4 Materials

- *Community Heroes* books
- copies of *Connect* (page 11)
- copies of *The Story of a Hero* (page 12); *optional*

Nonfiction: Find Out the Facts *(cont.)*

Review the reading strategy—*making connections*.

- Ask students to talk with partners about how and why readers make connections.
- Listen to partner discussions, and share important comments with the group.

Distribute the books, and read aloud pages 10–17.

- At the end of each page spread, have students practice making connections.
 - A personal connection may start like this: *This reminds me of* ____.
 - A connection between two ideas may start like this: *Both heroes* ____.
- Ask volunteers to share connections they make.

Assign the following activities, providing assistance as necessary:

- Reread pages 10–17. Make connections between the words and the pictures.
- Complete *Connect*.

Daily Discussion

Day 4 Question: *What do heroes do?*

- Review the strategy of speaking clearly and audibly.
- Share this sentence frame: *One thing heroes do is* ____.
- Have students discuss the question with partners, speaking audibly and clearly so their ideas can be heard.

Fiction/Nonfiction Text Extension

Review “Our Food Heroes” from pages 18–19 of the book. Tell students they will write stories similar to the one about the farmer. Distribute *The Story of a Hero*. Have each student circle a hero. Then, ask them to draw and write about two events from that worker’s day.

Day 5 Materials

- copies of *Heroes at School* (page 13)
- chart paper

Civics in Action

Engage students by writing *Heroes at School* on the board or chart paper.

- Introduce the idea that there are people at school who help others.
- Write *custodian* on the board or chart paper. Discuss how a school custodian helps others.

Discuss other heroes at school.

- Write students' ideas on the board or chart paper. Reinforce the idea that there are community heroes all around.

Introduce the *Heroes at School* activity.

- Ask students to choose two heroes from the list who have something in common (e.g., two heroes who keep them safe or two heroes who help them learn). Tell them they will draw and write about how those two heroes are the same.
- Distribute and have students complete *Heroes at School*.
- Allow students to share their responses.

Engage students in writing a shared thank you letter to one school hero.

- Solicit student input on what to write. While transcribing their words, ask for suggestions on what letter or sound comes next.
- Promote speaking and writing clearly. As appropriate, touch upon skills such as word order and word choice.
- Read the completed text to students prior to delivering it to the school hero.



Daily Discussion

Essential Question: *How do heroes help a community?*

- As a group, create a sentence frame for students to use to help them state their answers clearly.
- Encourage students to speak loud enough so that all students can hear and be involved.

Assessment Options

- **Time to Reflect** (page 14)—Students reflect in writing about what they have learned.
- **Reading Quiz** (page 15)—Students respond to multiple-choice and short-answer questions.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Who Helps?

Directions: Draw a hero. Then, answer the question.



How does this hero help people?

Name: _____ Date: _____

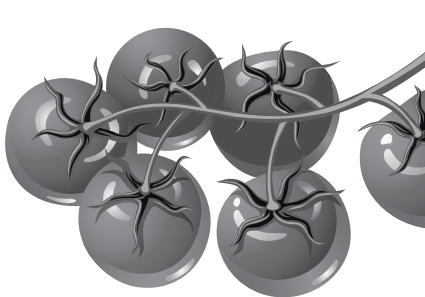
Three Events

Directions: Draw three events from “Our Food Heroes.”

Event 1

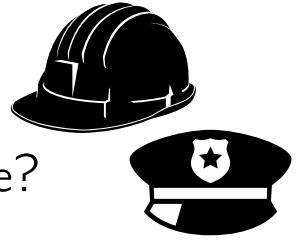
Event 2

Event 3



Name: _____ Date: _____

Two Heroes



Directions: Choose two heroes. How are they the same?
Draw and write.

Hero 1	Hero 2

Both heroes _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Connect

Directions: Match the sentences and pictures. Then, answer the question.

Heroes put out fires.

Heroes bring your mail.

Heroes grow your food.



Have you seen a community hero working? Write about it.

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Story of a Hero

Directions: Circle one hero. Draw and write a story with two events.



paramedic



firefighter



sanitation worker

Event 1

Event 2

Name: _____ Date: _____

Heroes at School

Directions: Choose two school heroes. How are they the same?
Draw and write.



Hero 1

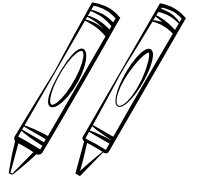
Hero 2

A large rectangular area with a dashed border, divided into two columns by a vertical line. The left column is labeled 'Hero 1' and the right column is labeled 'Hero 2'. This area is intended for drawing and writing about the chosen school heroes.

Four sets of horizontal writing lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, providing space for writing.

Name: _____ Date: _____

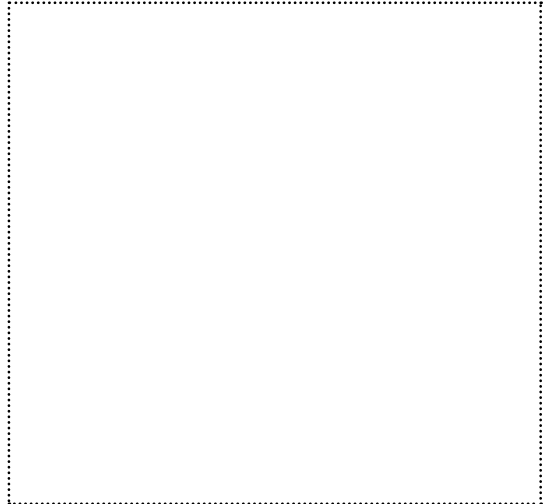
Time to Reflect



Directions: Draw and write about what you have learned.

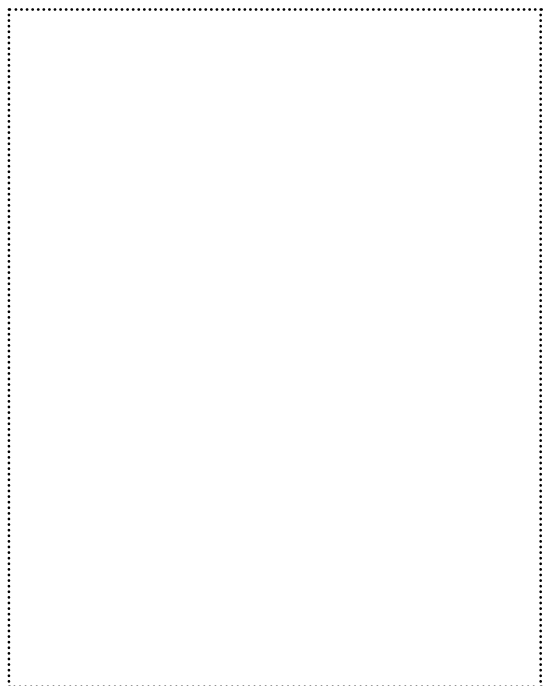
1. What is a hero?

A hero is _____



2. How can you be a hero?

I can be a hero by _____



Name: _____ Date: _____

Community Heroes Quiz

Directions: Read each question. Fill in the bubble for the best answer. Then, draw to respond to number 3.

1. Heroes are people who do jobs that _____.

- (A) help other people
- (B) hurt other people

2. Which heroes grow food?

- (A) firefighters
- (B) farmers

3. Draw a hero you learned about. Show the hero helping somebody.

Answer Key

Who Helps? (page 8)

Students should draw and write about someone who helps. Examples: police officer—*This hero helps by keeping me safe*; custodian—*This hero helps by fixing things*.

Three Events (page 9)

Students should draw the events from the story: planting seeds, growing plants, and selling food.

Two Heroes (page 10)

Students should draw and write about two heroes from the text and how they are the same. Example: a mail carrier and a paramedic—*Both heroes wear blue uniforms*.

Connect (page 11)

Students should match the pictures to the text and write about a personal connection to one of the heroes.

The Story of a Hero (page 12)

Students should circle one hero and draw and write a story with two events. Example: *The paramedic drives to the crash. She helps the hurt people*.

Heroes at School (page 13)

Students should draw and write about two heroes at school and how they are the same. Example: *Both my teacher and the librarian help me learn to read*.

Time to Reflect (page 14)

Reflections about heroes should be complete and thoughtful.

Community Heroes Quiz (page 15)

1. A
2. B
3. Drawings should show one type of hero from the book and how that hero helps people.

Working Together

Act It!

1. Shuffle the 23 community helpers cards. Put them in the middle of the table.
2. Set a timer for 1 minute. The shortest player goes first. Draw a card. Act it out for the other players to guess.
3. If the word is guessed, draw another card to act out.
4. After the minute is up, it is the next player's turn to "act it."
5. Play until each person has acted out at least three cards.
6. Try to guess as many words as you can. Everyone wins!



listen to others



take turns