My Hero Writing

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Informative writing **explains** or **teaches** with facts. Start with a **topic sentence**, give **three details**, and finish with a **closing sentence**.

Linking words: *First ... Next ... Also ... Finally ...*



1. Fact or opinion?

Informative writing uses facts. Circle **fact** or **opinion**.

1	Firefighters put out fires.	fact	opinion
2	Being a firefighter is the coolest job ever.	fact	opinion
3	Firefighters wear heavy gear to stay safe.	fact	opinion
4	Red is the best colour for a fire truck.	fact	opinion
5	Firefighters teach children about fire safety.	fact	opinion
6	Everyone should want to be a firefighter.	fact	opinion

2. Topic and closing sentences

Circle the best sentence.

1. Which is the best topic sentence?

- (a) My hero is my grandma, who helps people in our town every week.
- (b) Heroes wear capes in movies.
- (c) I have a lot of toys.

2. Which is the best closing sentence?

- (a) Grandma has a cat.
- (b) I want pizza for dinner.
- (c) Grandma shows me that anyone can be a hero by helping others.

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3. Plan your paragraph

A hero is someone who helps other people. Choose a real hero: someone famous or someone you know, like a nurse, a coach or a grandparent. Explain who your hero is and how they help. Plan first. Write short notes.

Topic sentence: what will you explain?

Detail 1

Detail 2

Detail 3

Closing sentence

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4. Write your paragraph

Use your plan. Indent the first line.

Prompt: A hero is someone who helps other people. Choose a real hero: someone famous or someone you know, like a nurse, a coach or a grandparent. Explain who your hero is and how they help.

Check: ☐ Topic sentence ☐ Three facts or details ☐ Linking words (first, also, finally) ☐ Closing sentence ☐ Capitals and periods

Answer Key

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- **c. Grandma shows me that anyone can be a hero by helping others.**

3. Plan your paragraph

Sample notes. Answers will vary.

Topic sentence: what will you explain?

my hero is my grandma, she helps our town

Detail 1

volunteers at the food bank every Saturday

Detail 2

knits hats for babies at the hospital

Detail 3

teaches me to be kind and patient

Closing sentence

anyone can be a hero by helping others

Model Answer

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4. Write your paragraph

A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.

My hero is my grandma, who helps people in our town every week. Every Saturday, she volunteers at the food bank and packs boxes of food for families. She also knits warm hats for new babies at the hospital. At home, she teaches me to be kind and patient, even when things are hard. Grandma shows me that anyone can be a hero by helping others.