Personal Heroes iMovie

*Goal: Students will create a 4-6 minute iMovie film that makes and supports three claims about what makes a hero. Use texts read in the unit, an interview with a living individual, and research on someone from history as evidence to support these claims.*

**Instructions:**

1. Choose three personal heroes to profile in your movie.
   1. One hero from the texts we’ve read in this unit
      1. *The Odyssey* by Homer
      2. “Facing It” by Yusef Komuyakaa
      3. “Waiting” by Margaret Atwood
      4. “Mother to Son” by Langston Hughes
      5. “Superman and Me” by Sherman Alexie
   2. One hero from history who you research
   3. One living individual who you interview
2. For each hero, make a claim about a heroic trait they exhibit.
   1. With audio or text, state your hero’s name and trait
3. For each hero, present evidence to show that they are a hero.
   1. Hero from texts: use textual evidence
   2. Hero from history: present research of accomplishment(s)
   3. Hero from personal life: Use interview, pictures, etc. as evidence
4. Analyze/Explain how each hero’s accomplishments demonstrate the trait in your claim.
   1. Present your analysis with audio (your own voiceover) or text in your movie
5. Finish your movie with a conclusion that presents your final thoughts. Make sure you connect your heroes' traits back to The Odyssey or to the hero’s journey.

**iMovie Tips and Tricks:**

* There are free tutorials for ANYTHING you want to do in iMovie on YouTube.
* iPhone headphones have a built-in microphone. These work great for recording your audio. You can also use these headphones if you interview a friend or family member. Just hold your volume control switch in between you and your interview subject and record video or audio with the Camera or Voice Memo apps.
* If you want to transfer video or photos from your phone to the iPad, AirDrop is easy! Just make sure your phone and the iPad are on the same wifi network, turn on AirDrop for everyone in the control center of both devices (same spot you turn on Do Not Disturb), and then choose the iPad when it appears on your phone. Be sure to turn AirDrop off on both devices when you’re done.
* Record your audio in small chunks. It’s so much easier to edit and trim than large recordings. I find it easier to record audio right in the iMovie app than it is to import.
* Use an app like Quotes Creator to create a visually appealing still image with your own text on top.

**How to Turn In your Movie:**

* Export and upload your movie to YouTube, change the privacy setting so only those with the link can view the movie, and send the link to me ([vnafso@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:vnafso@troy.k12.mi.us))
* Email the video to me through google drive if you have a google account ([val.nafso@gmail.com](mailto:val.nafso@gmail.com))

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