

# WORLD HERO AWARD



**Time:** 4-5 class periods

## Instructional Goals:

- The student will use the PebbleGo Biographies online database to research a famous person.
- The student will work with classmates to determine what makes someone a hero.
- The student will write a World Hero Award nomination explaining why a famous person deserves the World Hero Award.
- The student will present their World Hero Award nomination to a panel that will determine if the nominee deserves the award.

## Materials/Resources:

- PebbleGo Biographies online database
- Biography Research Notes Graphic Organizer from the PebbleGo Biographies' Who Am I? Riddle Book lesson or the PebbleGo Biographies' Biography Research Notes Booklet from the Biography Report lesson
- World Hero Award nomination form

## Procedures/Lesson Activities:

### Focus

1. Write the word "hero" for the class. Ask students what qualities make someone a hero. Write their ideas down for everyone to see.

### Teach/Model

2. Tell students that the class is creating a World Hero Award. Explain that they need to narrow down their qualifications for a world hero so a committee can review nominations for the award and determine the winners.
3. Ask students to consider their ideas for what makes someone a hero. Have students use their ideas to create the specific criteria someone must possess in order to win the World Hero Award.
4. Write the World Hero Award criteria and display it for students to refer to during this project.
5. Tell students they are each going to nominate one person for the World Hero Award. They will choose a person from the PebbleGo Biographies database and write their nomination form based on the information they learn during their research.
6. Project the PebbleGo Biographies database for students.
7. Navigate between several different biographies. Show students where they can find the information they will use to write their World Hero Award nomination forms. Use the tabs to go through the different sections of the biography articles. Show students the Media section with the video and the timeline.

## Guided Practice



8. Explain that students will need to take notes about their nominees for the World Hero Award before writing their nominations.
9. Show students either the Biography Research Notes Graphic Organizer from the Who Am I? Riddle Book lesson or the Biography Research Notes Booklet from the Biography Report lesson. Demonstrate how you would like students to take their research notes.
10. Demonstrate where you found the citation information in the PebbleGo Biographies database by clicking on the "Cite" pencil underneath the article. Remind students that they must give credit to their sources when researching.

## Independent Practice

11. Give students several minutes to explore the PebbleGo Biographies database and choose their World Hero Award nominees.
12. Monitor students as they research their subjects and take notes on their nominees.
13. Work with students as they use their notes to complete their World Hero Award Nomination Form.
14. Show students how to prepare for presenting their nominations to the World Hero Award committee. Have students practice their nomination presentations.

## Closure

15. Compile a World Hero Award committee of several students, parents, teachers, or other volunteers.
16. Have students present their nominees to the committee and the class. Ask the committee to select the nominations that are worthy of the World Hero Award. (Note: All nominations may be worthy of the World Hero Award, therefore the committee may decide to give the award to all of the nominees.)

## Extend/Enrich

- Create a Hall of World Heroes which displays the World Hero Award winners, their nomination forms, and their pictures.
- Use an app, software, or website to create a presentation or movie about the World Heroes. Have students explain the selection criteria for the award and the process for how the recipients were selected.
- Have students develop a logo, certificate, and trophy that represent the World Hero Award.

# World Hero Award Nomination Form



## Nominee Information

First Name	Last Name
Year Born	Year Died (or Still Living)
Occupation	
Contributions: _____	
How does this nominee meet the World Hero Award criteria?	
_____	
_____	
Why should this person receive the World Hero Award?	
_____	
_____	

*Nominated by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_