

THE STORY PIRATES



Hero Kit

THIS HERO KIT BELONGS TO

CREATE YOUR OWN HERO STORY!

The Story Pirates Hero Kit is a companion to our Hero Stories videos at storypirates.com/storypiratesuniversity. To get the most out of the Hero Kit, watch our videos as you go through these activities! We'll guide you as you brainstorm ideas, and then start to transform those ideas into a whole hero story.

Are you reading this on a computer or other device, but don't have a printer? No problem! You can still follow along with the Hero Stories videos, and brainstorm your ideas on blank paper.

As you go through the Hero Kit, you will...

- Create a **HERO CHARACTER**, and describe them in lots of rich detail!
- Decide on a gigantic, **HERO SIZED PROBLEM** that threatens an entire community!
- Plan how your hero will rise to the challenge and **SOLVE THAT PROBLEM!**
- Practice coming up with cool **DIALOGUE** for your hero to say!
- Start **WRITING** a story—or **DRAWING** a comic book! The choice is yours!

Whatever kind of hero you want to write about, just remember this: at Story Pirates, we've read all the hero comics, seen all the hero TV shows, played all the hero video games, and enjoyed all the hero poems. Now we're excited for something **NEW** and **DIFFERENT**. Your mission is to create a brand new hero that no one has ever heard of before.

The writing goals for the Hero Stories videos and our companion Hero Kit are in alignment with the **COMMON CORE STANDARDS**. As described in Writing Standard #3, students will establish detailed characters and situations, and structure the story with a logical sequence of events. Students will also explore how to use dialogue as a tool to move the story forward, and to flesh out the characters and events of a story effectively.

CREATE YOUR HERO

Draw and label your hero!

Time
to Draw!



Hero's name

DESCRIBE YOUR HERO

What are some words to describe your hero?

What is your hero really **GOOD** at, or what is your hero's **TALENT**?

What is your hero's **WEAKNESS**, or what is your hero **AFRAID** of?

What does your hero like to do on a **NORMAL DAY**, when they don't have a big problem to solve?

THE HERO SIZED PROBLEM

Every story involves some sort of problem, but in a hero story that problem is SO HUGE that a whole community is in danger, and a hero needs to save the day! For more ideas on how to create a Hero Sized Problem, check out our Hero Stories videos at storypirates.com/storypiratesuniversity.

What is the **COMMUNITY** where your story takes place? A city? A town? An underground snow fortress? Use your imagination, then draw and label a picture or map!

Time
to Draw!



What is the **HERO SIZED PROBLEM** in the community?

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

The Hero Sized Problems of today can't be solved just by punching, kicking, and blowing things up. Heroes need to be able to use their imaginations, and come up with creative ways to solve problems that nobody has ever thought of before. For more ideas on how to invent some **CREATIVE SOLUTIONS**, and then have your hero **TRY, FAIL, AND TRY AGAIN**, check out our Hero Stories videos at storypirates.com/storypiratesuniversity.

The **FIRST** solution the hero tried:

Unfortunately (what went wrong?):

The **NEXT** thing the hero tried:

Unfortunately (what went wrong?):

The solution that **FINALLY** worked:

It worked because:

HOW WILL YOUR HERO TALK?

You can choose to use some of these words instead of “said,” when you’re writing dialogue for your hero. To hear examples of what each of these speaking styles sounds like, watch our Hero Stories videos at storypirates.com/storypiratesuniversity.

For an emergency situation:

commanded

cried

exclaimed

ordered

pleaded

roared

screamed

warned

yelled

For an annoyed hero:

argued

complained

muttered

whined

For speaking quietly:

confided

murmured

whispered

For a boastful hero:

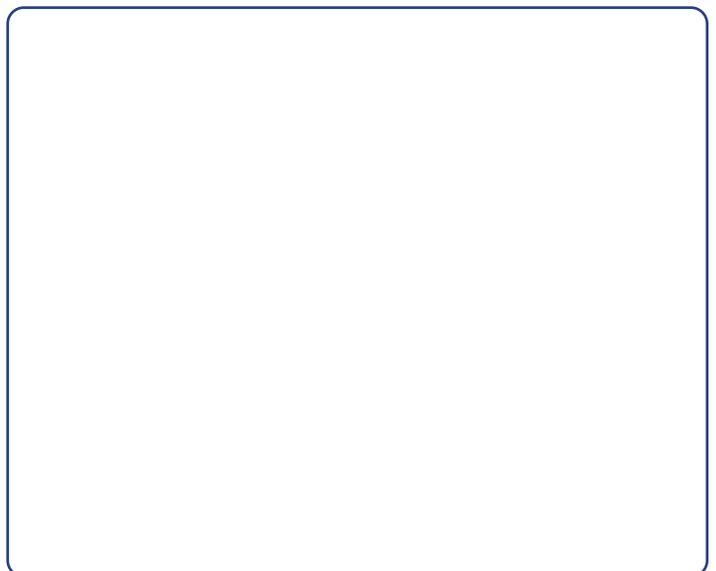
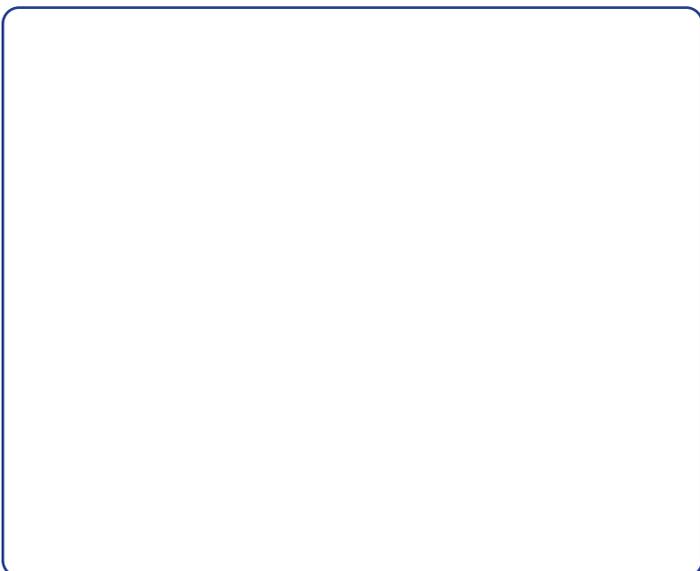
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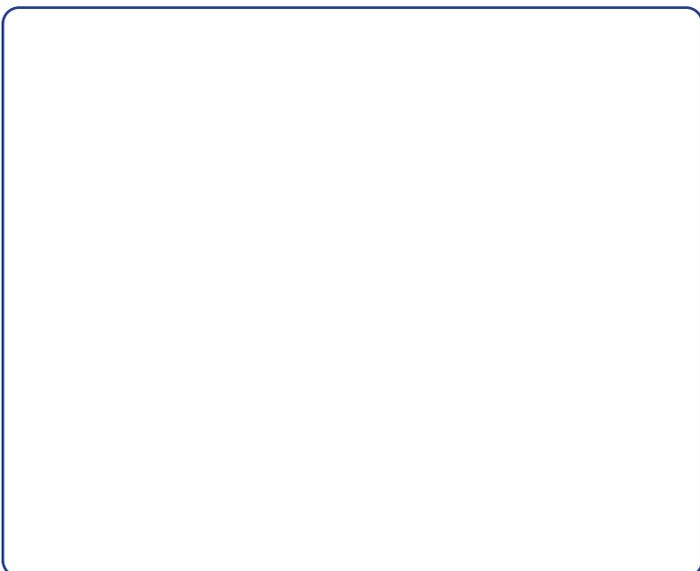
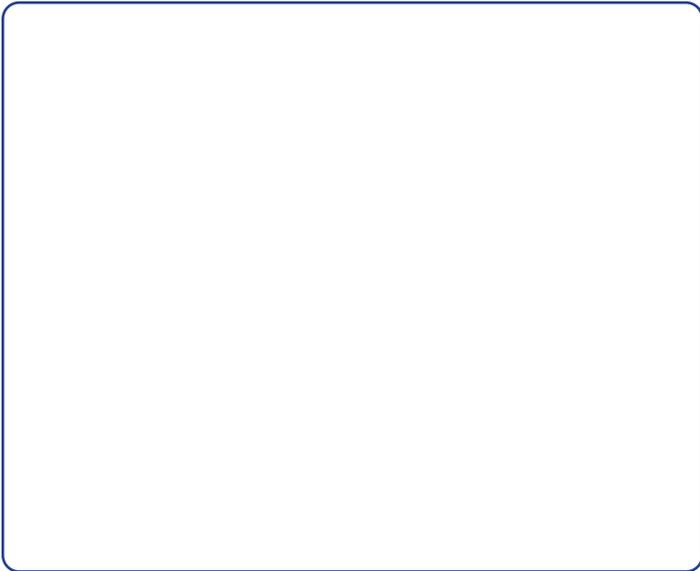
claimed

exaggerated

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WHAT TO DO NEXT!

Thanks for using our Hero Kit! If you've written a story and want to share it with us, please have a grownup go to [storypirates.com/submit-a-story](https://www.storypirates.com/submit-a-story).

Want more ideas for creating heroes, and sending those heroes on exciting quests? Check out the Story Pirates' third book, *Quest for the Crystal Crown*. The story is based on an idea by a kid named Angie Ortiz, which was turned into a whole novel by authors Annabeth Bondor-Stone and Connor White. The book also includes a special section at the end called the Fantasy Creation Zone, which guides aspiring authors in how to create their own fantasy stories. Look for it wherever you buy books!



For more activities, videos, podcasts, and other ways to get involved with the Story Pirates, visit www.storypirates.com.