

EVERYDAY HEROES TEACHER GUIDE

60 minutes

Ages 7-11 / Key Stage 2

Disney **HERCULES** THE ELECTRIFYING NEW MUSICAL

Overview

The Hercules Education Programme inspires pupils to become everyday heroes by exploring the qualities that make someone heroic. This engaging, curriculum-aligned, one-hour lesson introduces new vocabulary and encourages creativity inspired by *Disney's Hercules* theatre production. Pupils reflect on positive values, design a creative poster of their personal hero for an exciting competition, and complete a fun take-home challenge. The programme includes a celebration guide setting out exciting ways you can celebrate pupils' learning and heroic actions with the whole school.

Objectives and outcomes

Curriculum relevance

- Citizenship and PSHE (valuing the different contributions that people make to the community)
- English (participate in discussions)
- Art & Design (produce creative work)

Learning objectives

- Learn about what makes someone a hero, recognising their special qualities.
- Explore everyday heroes and

- celebrate the personal heroes in pupils' lives.
- Discover how to be a hero through everyday actions.

Resources

- Teacher guide
- Lesson presentation (PPT with delivery notes)
- Poster showcase entry form (lesson activity sheet)
- Hero Mission Log (take-home challenges)
- Celebration guide

Running the session

Please note the lesson presentation includes delivery notes for extra guidance.

Slides 1-3

Introduce the learning objectives. Play the thumbs up/down game with the images of fictional characters to decide if they're heroes and explain why/why not. Get pupils to discuss what makes someone a hero and encourage them to come up with adjectives for hero qualities.

Slides 4-6

Introduce the hero Hercules, discuss the story and explore the special qualities of the key characters. Pupils rank which special qualities they think are the most important and give examples of times they have shown any of these qualities themselves.

Slide 7-10

Explore everyday heroes in the community and their contributions. Pupils suggest more examples and learn

that heroes don't need superpowers. Explore the two detailed examples describing the special qualities of two of the featured everyday heroes.

Slide 11

Pupils choose their own personal hero to celebrate. They will need the poster showcase entry form so they can draw their hero in action dressed in a costume fit for a hero. They should explain why this person is their hero and what special heroic qualities they have.

Slide 12

Introduce the take-home task: a series of short challenges over a week where pupils reflect on what makes them everyday heroes. They fill out their responses in the Hero Mission Log. At the end of the week, you could reward the top hero in each of the five challenges with a small prize, house points or stickers.

Heroic poster showcase

Submit your pupils' creative poster designs for the chance to win an exclusive in-school workshop delivered by Disney's Teaching Artists. Follow the QR code to learn more, including terms and conditions.

