

The Inquiry

GRADE 7 ELA: UNIT IV

WHY DO PEOPLE ACT HEROICALLY?

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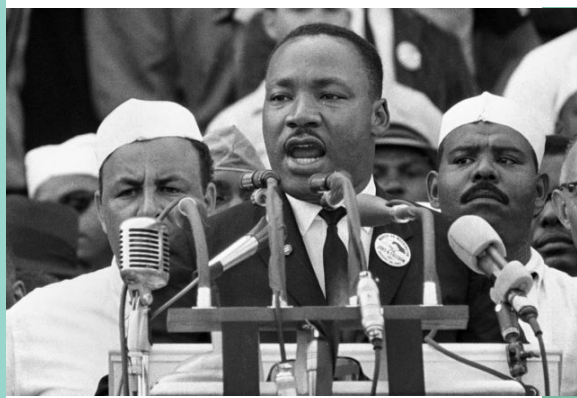
Why do people act heroically? What makes someone a hero? Who is your hero? Could you be a

hero? When we hear the word 'hero', we often think about superheroes with extraordinary powers; however, real-world heroes can be found everywhere and are ordinary people, who act heroically. This unit will take students



on an inspirational quest to determine why people rise in difficult situations and act heroically. Students will investigate real-world heroes in current international conflicts, as well as people who acted heroically in historical contexts such as the Civil Rights Movement, and the Holocaust.

In this unit, students will read seven texts that explore why people act heroically. Throughout the unit, students will revisit the essential question.



UNIT IV KEY SKILLS

The skills that will be taught and reinforced are:

- Writing fluid explanations,
- citing evidence from multiple texts to support analysis,
- analyzing the development of ideas across multiple texts,
- comparing and contrasting ideas across different texts,
- leading evidence-based discussions
- working collaboratively on a creative project
- writing a synthesis essay.