

## TALKING POINT: Do Kids Have Heroes?



Discuss with students the controversy about young people and heroes.

- Is it true that kids these days have no heroes or that their "heroes" are not good role models?
- Do young people today have heroes? Who are they? Are they all contemporary figures?
- Are there any historical figures whom students recognize as heroes? What makes them heroes?
- What traits must someone have to be considered a hero?
- Can a kid be a hero? Who might be an example of a kid hero?

Guide students to write down the name of up to five personal heroes; they can also choose to record no names if they have no heroes. Students should not be required to include their name on their paper. After the writing, collect examples from each. Revisit the first question, 'Do kids have heroes?'

