

# INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH EXAMPLES: Definition essay

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Imagine if you were in a world full of villains without superheroes. **Life would be out of control. There would be no order.** However, in my mind a true hero is one who you can depend on to do the right thing and be a strong role model. This idea of a true hero can be seen through my personal experiences, observations and readings. (imagine lead)

What would you do in a world without heroes? **Without heroes, we would not know who to trust.** However, in my mind, a hero is someone who is trustworthy, believable, and reliable. This idea of a true hero can be seen through my personal experiences, observations and readings. (question lead)

In comic books, heroes save people and stop crimes. **However, in real life, our heroes do not wear spandex and flashy capes or carry cool gadgets. They are ordinary people living ordinary lives.** Instead, a true hero is one who will not mislead you or let you down. This idea of a true hero can be seen through my personal experiences, observations and readings. (situation lead)

Some would say it is better to be a true hero rather than just look (act) like one. **True. One needs to walk the walk in order to talk the talk. We see heroes in everyday life. A hero is someone who is a role model, someone with good character, and a positive person that others admire and imitate their actions. In other words, heroes are people with good character, strong role models, and people with positive outlooks.** (quote lead)

Superman, Batman, Cat woman, the Green Lantern, and even the Hulk are all superheroes in today's life. **They all had a positive effect on others. They were heroes in costumes, but in normal life who are the heroes? My definition of a hero is a role model to the people of the community... a family member or even a sports star.** This idea of a true hero can be seen through my personal experiences, observations and readings. (list lead)

"Aspire rather to be a hero than merely appear as one," said Baltasar Gracian. **They do not all wear capes or fly. All heroes do not want to be famous for their daring acts. Some, however, do not look like a hero as many would imagine heroes. My definition of a hero is someone who contributes much to the lives of others, puts others ahead of himself, and gives without expecting anything in return.** This idea of a true hero can be seen through my personal experiences, observations and readings. (quote lead)

