

Why Do a Character First Project?

Young people need role models to inspire them. Learning more about their hero makes it clear that character is built by making good choices.

The **Character First Project** challenges young people to be the best they can be by learning about the life of their role model.



HopeWorks is committed to offering meaningful and instructive community service to teens.

The **Character First Project** helps them think more deeply about the amazing potential of their lives and personal choices.

Use this brochure to talk about doing a **Character First Project**.



Want to Do a Character First Project?

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Providing hope and help to young people and their families through counseling and education

Teens and Heroes

Young people building their lives need to know about true heroes – great people who have overcome challenges and failure to achieve the success that has made their name familiar to so many.



When teens are at a turning point in their lives, they need to take a deep look into themselves to discover who they are and who they would like to be.

Some need to become familiar with greatness in order to strive for their own personal best. The independent research done for a **Character First Project** helps them to identify and learn about a real hero.



Time commitment: 10 hours of research, preparation and presentation.

Only original work is accepted.

A Partial List of People Who Have Made a Positive Difference

Mohandas Gandhi
Harriet Tubman
Martin Luther King
Jesse Owens
Eleanor Roosevelt
Mother Teresa
A family member
Jimmy Carter
Marie Curie
Simon Bolivar
Florence Griffith Joyner
Oprah Winfrey
k. d. lang
Edward James Olmos
Elie Wiesel
Helen Keller
Louis Pasteur
Sacagawea
Jim Thorpe
Abraham Lincoln



Teens can also do a project on someone not on this list with approval from **HopeWorks**. For other ideas, see www.myhero.com.

Participants in the Character First Project:

- ⇨ Identify a person they would like to know more about.
- ⇨ Research and prepare a report and presentation on that person.
- ⇨ Present their findings.



Questions to be Answered About the Person

- ⇨ When, where & in what circumstances were they born?
- ⇨ Why are they important to you?
- ⇨ Why does the world need their talents?
- ⇨ What personal challenges have they overcome?
- ⇨ What makes them stand out?
- ⇨ Would you like to meet them? Why?
- ⇨ What surprised you?
- ⇨ How are you like the person?
- ⇨ What qualities does the person have that you would like to develop?