

Portrait Video Assignment

Live action video portrait of a subject

5 - 7 minutes

Combines all skills learned and all grading parameters in exercises and assignments:

- steady camerawork, all proper camera settings, excellent audio
- video survey
- sit down interview including excellent lighting
- process video
- scene setting
- divided into a clear structure of sections
- applying editing techniques discussed; including clean edits, consistent audio levels.

In addition, not instead of, add additional production values, styles and techniques as suits your subject.

Start with 30 seconds of bars and/or black.

Portrait of a Hero*

Who is a hero? Most simply: a selfless person who serves the community, especially if they overcome great obstacles or make a great achievement. There are local heroes, like the person who cleans your street, or national heroes, like Martin Luther King. Your friend or family member can be your hero, too.

Or check out: http://myhero.com/myhero/go/teachersroom/teachersguide_whoareheroes.asp

- Set the scene with ultra wide shots and maybe some visual impressions or details. Where does this hero live?
- Testimonials from other people – survey – why a hero? What do you admire? How role model?
- Interview with the hero:
 - Describe your project? And/or goals. What makes it unique?
 - Can one person make a difference?
 - Who is your hero or are your heroes, or someone you respect or inspires you, and why?
 - What obstacles did you have and how did you overcome them?
 - Where do you go when you reach insurmountable obstacles to help you to continue to move forward?
- Direct video coverage of project in action: process video.
- Other production values:
 - Stills, videos, newspaper articles, graphics or other fair-use or rights-free source material.
 - The subject's specified favorite music ("fair use") or rights-free music
 - Text - using Titles

For more info: http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/theteachersroom/lessons_view_blu.asp?id=58

<http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/filmfestival/production.asp>

*To be uploaded on MyHero.com, hero films must be

- Less than 10 minutes.
- All rights cleared; including music.
- Appropriate for all ages. No hate, prejudice or violence.
- Mentioning "hero" and "heroes" during the interview questions and answers or voice-over reinforces that it's a "hero movie."