



JOURNALSIM & FILMMAKING WORKBOOK

ASKING QUESTIONS

WEEK 3
CHAPTER 3
GRADE 3-5

LENGTH: 60-90 MIN.

OBJECTIVES

Students will...

- Use K.W.L to plan out what questions may need to be answered
- Learn how to structure your hero's story using beginning, middle, and end.
- Use this structure to better understand your hero's life and impact.
- Write interview questions based on this structure.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- MY HERO Journalism & Filmmaking Workbook
- Writing utensils
- Paper or student notebooks
- Projector for Slide Deck
- **Accompanying Slide Deck**

ADD'L RESOURCES & LINKS

- [Tips and Tricks For Interviewing](#)
- [Great Questions](#)

OVERVIEW

- Watch and Learn
- Activity: KWL
- Beginning-Middle-End
- Activity: Writing Your Questions
- Level Up: Guided Research
- Closing Discussion

OPENING DISCUSSION

Watch and Learn

Watch this [60 second film](#) of Project I Am and ask students the following questions:

- 01.** What makes Jahkil a hero?
- 02.** What makes Jahkil different from a celebrity

ACTIVITY ONE: KWL

Know- What do you already know about your hero?

Wonder- What do you wonder about your hero?

Learn- What can you ask to learn more about your hero?

ACTIVITY ONE: KWL

In your notebooks, make a list of...

All the things you **KNOW** about your hero.

All the things you **WONDER** about your hero.

In your film, you will ask questions to **LEARN** about your hero. Next, will help you write your questions.



THREE PARTS OF A STORY: BEGINNING-MIDDLE-END

A good way to think of questions is to consider you hero's **beginning, middle, and end (or future)**.

The **beginning** is the start of their life. What got them to where they are today?

Examples:

- *Where were they born?*
- *Where did they go to school?*

The **middle** is their life right now. What are they currently doing?

Examples:

- *What is their job?*
- *What is a project they're working on?*

The **end, or future**, is their life going forward. What are their plans?

Examples:

- *What is their dream?*
- *What do they want to work on next?*

ACTIVITY TWO: WRITING YOUR QUESTIONS

Divide Your Hero's Life into 3 sections:

Beginning, Middle, End (Future)

Write 3-5 questions for each section on a separate piece of paper

LEVEL UP: GUIDED RESEARCH

For older or more advanced students, you can use the following sections in the workbook to encourage further research into their heroes.

See pages 26-29 in the Workbook for Guided Research Tools

CLOSING DISCUSSION

Ask students if they can identify...

- What does KWL mean?
- What are the three parts of a story?