

## Animals, Humans, & Heroes

Throughout history, and within different cultures across the world, people have utilized animals to symbolize human character traits.

### **Brainstorm: Animals**

1. Name an animal and pair it with a human character trait
  - Dog-loyalty, caring, compassionate
  - Meerkat-interdependence
  - Cats-betrayal, gentle, kind, independent
  - Lion-bravery
  - Fox-cunning, sly, smart
  - Donkey-stubborn
  - Sloth-lazy
  - Eagle-observant
  - Peacock-majestic
  - Dolphin-friendly
  - Owl-wise
  - Tiger-brutal, strength
  - Raven-intelligence
  - Snake-defensive, charming
  - Elephant-strength, social, intelligent
  - Dragon-wisdom, power
  - Cow-caregiver, respect
  - Butterfly-beauty
2. Write everything that you can come up with that you associate with your chosen animal (for a full 5+ min.)
3. *Homework: Collect images of an animal of your choice (make sure to include photo images). Do this by the end of this week, before we leave for winter break.*

### **Brainstorm: Humans**

1. What is a hero?
2. What are some character traits you associate with a hero?
3. Does a hero have to be well-known?
4. Do you have to know someone for them to be a hero to you?
5. Who is someone you would consider a hero and why? (this can be someone you know personally or a public figure)
6. *Homework: Collect images of an animal of your choice (make sure to include photo images). Do this by the end of this week, before we leave for winter break*

**Final Project Directions:**

1. Using the brainstorming exercises as a guide, think of someone you would consider a “hero”. Pair this person with an animal that embodies symbolic human character traits. You will likely need some more time to revisit the brainstorming process. Take the time to do this to ensure thoughtful and meaningful connections between the two.
2. Take notes during the in-class Photoshop Demo
3. Sketch!
4. Create a 16 x 20” acrylic painting (refer to rubric for further details and objectives)
5. Be prepared to put in time outside of class to successfully complete this, remembering this should demonstrate a culmination of the best of your painting skills from the semester

**Animals, Humans, & Heroes Final Project (25 POSSIBLE POINTS)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Objectives</b></p> <p><i>Your Grade for this project is based on how well you meet each of the below objectives. You can earn 0-5 points for each objective, totaling 25 maximum possible points.</i></p>	<p><b>0-2= Unsuccessful</b></p> <p><i>No evidence, incomplete and/or ineffective attempt to meet objective</i></p>	<p><b>3= Satisfactory</b></p> <p><i>Some room for improvement</i></p> <p><i>Moderately effective overall</i></p>	<p><b>4= Good</b></p> <p><i>Minor room for improvement</i></p> <p><i>Mostly effective overall</i></p>	<p><b>5= Excellent</b></p> <p><i>Highly Effective &amp; Successful overall</i></p>
Creativity: original approach to how you integrate visuals of your hero with animal as well as overall style, use of space, artistic voice, etc.				
Sophisticated use of color ( <u>do not</u> simply colors straight out of the bottle, including their tints and shades)				
Effective composition and use of Elements of Art, & Principles of Design				
Integrate text in a thoughtful and interesting way				
Technical Skill with acrylic paints				
<b>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>			