

My Hero

My hero is my girlfriends dad. His name is Rick Rodriguez. He has shown me important things in my life. He has shown me how to become something. He showed me to always hope for the best, that everything will get better, and that you can become something no matter who you are.

Always look for the good in life is what I got when Rick said “think positively”. He would always tell me this when I was upset. So, I took it into consideration by thinking of the positive when things go bad. It helps you pull through the rough times in life. He got me to think whatever attitude I have is the attitude I’ll get back.

I always got upset, then Rick taught me everything will get better. He had said, “it will get better”. That’s just what I thought everyone said, but he asked me if I knew what it meant? I told him No. This is what he said “well, when things get bad, that means things will get better. It doesn’t always clear up when it rains. Sometimes it will keep raining, then eventually the sun will come out”. Then I realized he knows what it’s like.

I didn’t know how I could become something. I have started out with nothing. Rick has taught me you can become anything you want. It doesn’t matter what you start with, anything you set your mind to can be done.

Another thing Rick has taught me is hope for the best. He also taught me everything will get better. He also taught me you can become something, no matter who you are. He is my hero for how he is. These are the reasons Rick Rodriguez is my hero.

By Chance Hull

A Heroic Tale: Marvel Comics To The Rescue!

All you can hear is an evil laugh heading your way, but right as you think you're dead, BAM!, The Fantastic Four, Spiderman, The Hulk, Captain America, and many more are there to save the day! No, Marvel superheroes can't really save your life, but Marvel comics were created to save you from everyday boredom. Stan Lee, the writer and creator of Marvel comics wanted to create more than the modern day, stereotypical superhero. He wanted them to be regular people with regular feelings and problems, but he also wanted them to be original and out-of-the-box. I can't wait to explore the range of characters, the effect Marvel has had on many, and the revolution that became wrapped around the comics that have been with us through all our lives.

Although Superman is great, he became too unrealistic for many. A man with all powers that is from another planet? Batman is another classic, but also not believable. A man who is running a huge business, and still has time to save people and doesn't even have powers? Mr. Lee was set on being better. He took everyday people, made something realistic happen, and had millions hooked. Spiderman was a dorky high school kid who gets bit by a radioactive spider on an average field trip. Now he's out saving people with his spider powers. People start to believe they can become a superhero, too. So they listen to everything Marvel gives them. The people spend their money on things they believe in, and Marvel gave them that. He gave them a range in character.

Marvel started having an effect on people. Stan got all these people to listen and believe for so long, they just never quit hanging on to his every word, audible or written in a comic. He couldn't come up with something new without people, millions of people, knowing everything that happened in the first week it was on shelves. People bought everything he had to offer. They became obsessed. Other forms of entertainment were decreasing in sales because everyone was focused on Marvel. Stan created something bigger than he had imagined.

As time passed, these comics became even bigger. Movies were created, conventions were held, and a new cast of characters were created. These things still happen! Ever since the movies, Marvel has grasped many more fans. Travelers from all over drive (or fly) many miles for one convention, and the outlook on its superheroes became stronger with each comic and movie.

As we can see, Marvel became best in the business due to the range of characters, the effect Marvel comics had on many, and the Marvel Revolution. We have Stan Lee to thank for that. Many claim he is a genius for helping us outgrow the off-the-wall comics that were getting old. Our generation is extremely lucky that the legend of Stan and Marvel comics will walk from our mouths to our children's ears. This has been the legendary tale of Marvel Comics.

Modern Day Heroes

A hero is an individual who goes out of his or her way, in bravery, to help and better the lives of others. When the word hero comes to mind, many people think of Superman, Batman, or Spiderman. All of these fictional characters are heroes, but in today's world we seem to overlook the true heroes among us. Firefighters are one example of modern day heroes. These extraordinary men and women put their lives on the line, save lives, and greatly contribute to their communities.

Every day, firemen are called out on unexpected emergencies that put their lives on the line. Running into burning buildings or houses to save other people and their belongings is a sacrifice that takes extensive training and preparation. Every time they are called out is another time they could be killed. Bravery, patience, and caution are necessary qualities for a fireman to possess. This life-threatening occupation should be appreciated by every community.

Firefighters don't only put out fires, but they also save anyone that may be in danger. Saving lives must be very overwhelming for these heroes. Having the thought and feeling that a person's life is in their hands and is totally dependent on the firefighter would be extremely difficult. Still, firemen are out making a difference in people's lives everyday, whether it be snatching a child from deadly flames, or putting out a fire in a family's home. Firefighters show dedication and bravery that everyone should try to imitate.

Contributing to the community is important for all citizens. Firefighters contribute to their community in many ways other than just putting out fires. They are specially trained to rescue others from car accidents, fires, and collapsed buildings, and also to put out hazardous fires. Sometimes firemen are also trained to provide emergency medical services. In areas where necessary, firemen are trained to put out forest fires. Their services go above and beyond

what most people believe.

Firefighters are heroes, among us, who put their lives in danger, save lives, and contribute to their communities. They are outstanding citizens who make sacrifices that change lives. Firemen are an important asset to every community and should be recognized regularly for their heroic actions. The amount of time and effort that goes into this occupation is astounding. Firefighters illustrate heroism in the face of danger and adversity by displaying courage and sacrifice for the greater good of all people.

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A Hero Within

People have different types of heroes that they are influenced by throughout their lives, whether an individual's hero is a person that is real or a make-believe character from a television program. I want to concentrate on three characters from three different shows that have influenced me in positive ways. My three heroes are Wonder Woman, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and Angel. Each character has various qualities that define what a hero means to me.

The character Wonder Woman has three qualities that I look to as heroic qualities. One quality is that Wonder Woman is a strong independent woman. Wonder Woman's counter ego, Dian, has a career and is capable of supporting herself. Another quality that Wonder Woman possesses is her compassion to help people that are in need. Throughout the series, Wonder Woman would help all kinds of people by defending them from criminals. It takes a compassionate person to have the desire to help people that they do not even know. The third quality is her ability to balance the life of Wonder Woman and Dian. I think this is an influential quality because it takes a lot of self control and prioritizing to balance the many uncertainties that life has to offer. I hope to include Wonder Woman's qualities of strength, compassion, and balancing act into my daily life.

The second character I admire as a hero is Buffy the Vampire Slayer. It is not Buffy's supernatural strength and ability to fight that inspired me but the strength she found within her to battle her daily challenges as a teenager. Buffy was not only a vampire slayer but a friend. Her loyalty to her friends was a quality in her character that encourages me to be a loyal friend and to try to always lend a shoulder to lean on to my closest friends. This character also had to deal with heart ache; however, she learned from it and became a stronger woman because of her experiences. This is a quality that many young women should work toward conquering. The third quality that defined Buffy as a hero for me was that her character took the responsibility that was given to her and owned it. Even though responsibility is a taboo word to some individuals, I can look to the character, Buffy, and realize that every person is responsible for his or her own destiny.

My final hero is actually a male character who has three qualities that also define a hero. The male character, like the character Buffy, is a vampire, Angel. Angel's character struggles with his past but is still able to move ahead by helping people in need. Every person has a past; however, it should not hold a person back from moving forward. Another quality, which makes the character Angel a hero, is his dedication to society. Even though his job is not anything close to reality, the dedication he has in assuring that others are safe inspires me to think not only of myself but of others. The final quality that Angel has is determination. I saw this heroic quality in this character by the determination that Angel had trying to build a good life for his son, Connor. I hope to have that type of determination when I grow older and become a parent.

Even though my heroes; Wonder Woman, Buffy, and Angel are not real life people, their characters were given real life qualities that I hope to have. I want to become a strong independent woman that can balance life's obstacles but be compassionate to the people around me. Loyalty, coping, and accountability are qualities that the character Buffy has that I think make up a person worth admiring. Finally, Angel's qualities of moving forward and not dwelling in the past, wanting to help people, his determination to being a good parent are hero-like qualities. These characters may not be the first choice of heroes for other people because they only see the physical strengths these characters have; however, I see the hero within.