

# Dream Big:

## The Inspiring Young Heroes of the Barron Prize

This 45-minute documentary film profiles a diverse group of passionate young people who are making the world a better place.

### Featuring:

- Profiles of Seven Heroic Young People
- A Special Interview with **Jane Goodall**
- Narration by author **T. A. Barron**

We are working hard to make this documentary film widely available! If you would like to be notified as soon as you can purchase this film, visit [www.tabarron.com](http://www.tabarron.com).

*Dream Big* is a part of a comprehensive set of heroes materials for educators.

#### MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- **Young Heroes Activity Guide**, with dozens of classroom-tested ideas for engaging students
- **Heroes Bibliography**, listing over 200 books about heroes
- **The Hero's Trail**, by T.A. Barron
- **Reader's Guide** to *The Hero's Trail*

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#### ● The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

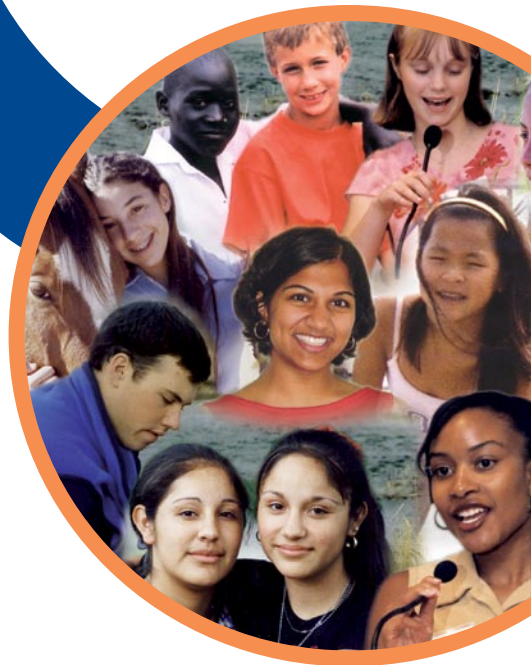
The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Their leadership and courage make them true heroes – and inspirations to us all. To learn more about the award, visit [www.barronprize.org](http://www.barronprize.org).

#### ● T.A. Barron

T.A. Barron has always found inspiration in heroes. As a youth on a Colorado ranch, he loved hearing campfire tales of people whose courage and wisdom helped them triumph. Today, he writes novels that feature heroic young people—ranging from Merlin in *The Lost Years of Merlin* epic to Elli and Tamwyn in *The Great Tree of Avalon* trilogy. He lives in Colorado with his wife, Currie, and their five children. Visit his web site at [www.tabarron.com](http://www.tabarron.com).

**“This inspires young people to change the world.”**

**—Jane Goodall**



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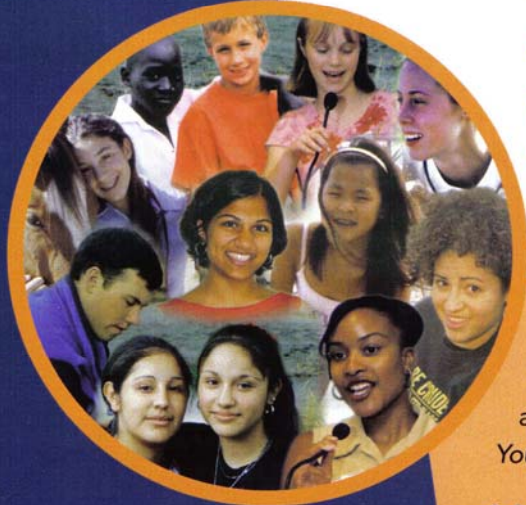
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All proceeds from the sale of this film support the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes.

# Young Heroes Activity Guide

## Activities for Exploring the Ideas and Essential Qualities of Heroes

- *Age level:* Grades 5 to 12
- *Subject areas:* Language Arts, Social Studies
- *Standards:* Activities align with National Language Arts (NCTE) and Social Studies (NCSS) standards



This Activity Guide is part of a comprehensive set of **young heroes materials** that includes *The Hero's Trail* by T.A. Barron, a *Reader's Guide*, Bibliography and an award-winning 45-minute documentary film, *Dream Big: The Inspiring Young Heroes of the Barron Prize*. For more information, visit [www.tabarron.com](http://www.tabarron.com).

"We need our heroes, today more than ever. Not just celebrities, but real heroes – people whose character can inspire us all. Young people especially need positive examples of heroism – from literature, from history, and from their own lives. They need examples of people who have truly made a difference to the world.

I hope you and your students will enjoy making use of these materials!"

– T.A. Barron



what is  
a hero?

### Definition of a Hero

- 1 Ask students to jot down a few people they consider to be heroes (front of a note card) and to finish the sentence, "A hero is someone who..." (back of a note card). Have students share their ideas and record them on two lists.
- 2 Challenge students to use the lists to arrive at a class definition of the word "hero."
- 3 Have students compare their definition of a hero to other definitions. A few examples:
  - **Oxford American Dictionary:** "A hero is a man admired for his brave or noble deeds."
  - **T.A. Barron in *The Hero's Trail*:** "A hero is someone who, faced with a tough challenge, reaches down inside and finds the courage, strength, and wisdom to triumph."
  - **Young Heroes:** Review the definitions offered by Barron Prize young heroes at the start of the film *Dream Big*.
- 4 Discuss these definitions. Do any of them prompt students to revise their class definition?

