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ARTEFFECT COMPETITION



QUICK START RESOURCE GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

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CHOOSING AN UNSUNG HERO & CONNECTING

1) Unsung Heroes Directory

[Downloadable list](#) of all approved LMC Unsung Heroes eligible for the ARTEFFECT competition, also [available to explore on the ARTEFFECT website](#). Useful to help your students read and research and select an individual whose story they connect with. *Tagged with Civil Rights, STEAM, and Wartime Heroes.*

- The [STEAM worksheet](#) is a template for selecting Unsung Heroes in the STEAM categories, so students can narrow down heroes in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and math.
- The [Playing Cards](#) have a small selection of Unsung Heroes (like the [Unsung Heroes coloring book](#)) and can help students generate ideas for selecting/sorting their Unsung Hero.
- The [Scanning/Describing Activity](#) helps students practice their observation skills and identify elements of an image that communicate a story.

2) I AM Worksheet

[This worksheet](#) encourages students to build historical empathy as they learn about their Unsung Hero.

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

3) Unsung Hero's Journey Materials

The [Unsung Hero's Journey Worksheet](#) and [Unsung Hero's Journey Graphic](#) can be useful for your students in identifying what aspects of their chosen Unsung Hero's journey they most connect with and want to explore and celebrate through their ARTEFFECT projects.

4) Heroic Traits and Actions

Students explore how their chosen Unsung Hero demonstrates certain [heroic traits and actions](#) as a role model and what aspects they will highlight in their ARTEFFECT projects.

Heroic Traits

- Compassion
- Conscience
- Courage
- Generosity
- Humility
- Perseverance
- Responsibility
- Selflessness
- Valor
- Vision

Heroic Acts

- Build Bridges to Unite
- Challenge Limitations
- Challenge the Status Quo
- Face Prejudice
- Make a Difference
- Power of One Person
- Repair the World
- Respect All Living Beings
- Stand Up for What You Believe
- Take Risks to Do What is Right

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5) Unsung Heroes Journal Exercise

[This exercise](#) helps students get to know their Unsung Hero by asking them to reflect on prompts about their Unsung Hero's actions and impact.

CRITIQUE

6) Critique Questions

[Ten categories of questions](#) to inspire 1-on-1 or group critiques that explore students' concepts, technique, and finished pieces.

WRITING/IMPACT STATEMENT

7) Impact Statement Worksheet

[Prompts](#) that will help your students structure their Impact Statements of 500-1,000 words.

SUBMIT

8) Review Rules & Guidelines

- Review the [Rules Page](#) on our website and check out the [Competition FAQs](#) to learn more about eligibility.
- Review the [Judging Rubric](#) to see what ARTEFFECT judges consider as they review submitted artworks and Impact Statements.
- If any further clarification is needed, reach out to ARTEFFECT@lowellmilken.org.

9) Review Necessary Materials for Submission

Each student who wishes to [enter the competition](#) must create a Submittable account. To submit an entry, these materials are required:

- High-resolution artwork images. At least one image is required for 2D artworks, and four images are required for 3D artworks (.jpg or .png formats, 5MB limit).
- Written Impact Statement of 500-1,000 words.
- Student contact information.
- Teacher contact information.
- Parent or Legal Guardian permission.
- Optional: In-process photos and a photo of the student with their artwork.

10) Submit by Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 11:59 Pacific Time!