

How to Write a Great Informational Text!

Topic Paragraph: Hook the reader with a question, anecdote (story) or some background. Help them to know your main idea and how you will be sharing your ideas in the paragraphs to come.

Body Paragraph: Use this formula once or repeat for multiple body paragraphs

- A- Answer the question with a topic sentence for this paragraph. What is your reason for your answer.
- C- Cite an example or evidence that proves your reason.
- E- Explain how your example or evidence connect your example to your main idea/reason of this paragraph
- S- Summarize your ideas from this paragraph, particularly your main idea

Conclusion Paragraph: This is where you wrap up by summarizing all your main ideas and you leave your reader with food for thought.

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Topic Paragraph: Hook- greatest generation. Main idea- Grandpa Gene hero Reasons to come: thrived through Great Depression, Fought WWII, Education passed down to children

Body paragraph 1:

A- Hero because he survived Great Depression learned to be resilient

C- Mom died. 8 siblings, incredibly poor

E. Learned to fend for himself, work for what he wanted, work as a family to get by

S. Hero because he learned to thrive in hardship

Body Paragraph 2:

A- Fought in WWII

C- Navigator in Army Air Corps working out of Italy

E- Rose to call from country, helped defeat threat of Hitler, would have gone on to Pacific

S- Rose to call of duty during crucial time for world

Body Paragraph 3: Got education and passed learning to sons

A- Went to college through GI program

C- Education led to success in business

E- Focus on learning and hard work passed to his sons and granddaughters

S- Family follows heroics by loving learning

Conclusion Paragraph: Grandpa hero because he overcame hardship, fought in WWII, passed on importance of education,

Heartland Heroes Essay

Those who grew up during the depression and defended freedom in World War II have been called the greatest generation. My Grandpa Gene, is an example of what made many of that generation great. Grandpa's qualities of heroism are demonstrated in his ability to overcome adversity, fight for his country, and value education.

My grandfather is heroic because he overcame difficult circumstances while growing up during the 1920s and 30s. This was the era of the Great Depression and as a working class family, Grandpa, and his family destitute. To further the hardship, Grandpa's mother died, leaving 8 children to fend for themselves. Instead of giving in to the suffering, Grandpa and his family banded with resiliency to survive the hard times. Grandpa's inventiveness and street smarts allowed him to contribute to the care of his family. He also gained a collection of shocking and funny stories. His ability to thrive in adversity is one thing that makes him a hero.

Additionally, Grandpa rose to the call when the world needed him. Grandpa was a navigator in the Army Air Corps during World War II, flying missions across Italy and Germany. Grandpa always sought opportunities to go above and beyond as a serviceman and was awarded medals for his flights and bravery. Defending freedom and defeating Nazism makes my Grandpa, and others who fought with him, a hero.

Growing up, my grandfather was intelligent. But focused more on survival, he always said that without the war, he might have ended up in jail. Joining the army allowed him to attend college through the GI bill. Through education he developed skills in business and he was able to create a better life for his family. Grandpa recognized the importance of education in his rise to success and he heroically passed this value onto his children. All three sons got a college education and work in fields they are passionate about. His middle son earned a PhD, from Harvard and all three of his granddaughters attended graduate school. As a family we follow in our hero's footsteps through our lifelong love of reading and learning.

A hero values family, overcomes adversity, defends what is right, and recognizes the power that is gained through knowledge. In all those things, my grandpa, Gene, was a true hero. To honor his contributions, I will continue to pass on his values to others I encounter.