

ENGELSK

Real-Life Heroes

GRETA THUNBERG AS A REAL-LIFE HERO

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Introduktion

Dette er et engelsk-forløb i fem episoder, der handler om vor tids helte, og hvordan deres gerninger har påvirket os. De fem helte vi vil arbejde med, er amerikanske Rosa Parks, sydafrikanske Nelson Mandela, pakistanske Malala Yousafzai, amerikanske Emma Gonzalez og svenske Greta Thunberg. Vi beskæftiger os altså fra helte, der har gjort heltegerninger fra 1950 og op til vor tid.

Der vil både være lytte-tekster og øvelser i episoderne. Før vi går i gang skal vi lige høre om målene for undervisningen.

Her er målene for undervisningen om helte:

- Jeg kan bruge synonymmer til at udtrykke, hvad jeg vil sige på forskellige måder
- Jeg kan give eksempler på illoyal og bedragerisk behandling af minoritetsgrupper
- Jeg kan finde forskelle og ligheder mellem mit daglige liv og andres.

Lad os skifte til engelsk og tage disse mål på engelsk også:

Here are the learning goals:

- I can use synonyms to express what I want to say in different ways.
- I can give examples of unfair treatment of minority groups.
- I can find differences and similarities between my daily life and the lives of others.

Let us hear more about real-life heroes.

Being a hero doesn't mean wearing an eye-catching costume or having magical powers. It means standing up and making their voice heard! That's why true heroes come in all shapes, sizes and forms. Heroes might be ordinary people fighting for peace, freedom, sustainability or helping those around them without asking anything in exchange. They could be your friends, family members, neighbours...or even YOU!

The famous American professor Joseph Campbell says this about heroes;

"A hero is someone who has given their life to something bigger than themselves."

Heroes can be people like us.

While working with Real-Life Heroes you will focus on 12 topic words and phrases. You might already know some of the topic words, and some might be new to you.

These words are:

Different (forskellig), rights (rettigheder), ordinary (almindelig), people (mennesker) equal (lige), freedom (frihed), education (uddannelse).

The phrases are: has to be (skal være), to change (at forandre), to save (at redde), to fight for (at kæmpe for) AND to make a difference (at gøre en forskel).

Let us talk about the Real-life heroes of these episodes. They are Civil right activists and fight against discrimination and fight for a safer world.

What is a real-life hero?

A real-life hero is someone who is brave and does things that help people. They might help people in their community or even people in other countries. It is good to have a role model who is a real-life hero, because they can teach you how to be brave and help others.

Being a role model or real-life hero can make a difference in people's lives. It can help them see what is possible and make them want to be better people. You can reach your audience as a role model by sharing your political views in a way that is respectful and helpful.

Greta Thunberg was seen as a youth hero.

Greta Thunberg is a Swedish environmental activist who has become the face of the global youth-led climate movement. Greta Thunberg was born in 2003. She has dedicated her life to raising awareness about climate change and inspiring others to take action.

She got a lot of attention in 2018 for protesting outside the Swedish parliament with a sign that read "School strike for climate". Her activism and her message have since spread across the world, inspiring millions of young people to take action on climate change.

She was born in Stockholm in Sweden in 2003, and Greta was raised by an activist mother and a father who was an actor and author. From an early age, Greta was aware of global warming and its effects on the environment. As she grew older, she became increasingly concerned about the lack of meaningful action taken by political leaders to address this issue and work with it. Regarding her personal life, Greta has Asperger's Syndrome, which is a mental developmental disorder, and part of her life every day.

Let us hear about her actions and when they happened.
Greta's first public protest took place on August 20th 2018 when she sat alone outside of the Swedish Parliament with her sign.

Greta Thunberg is a real-life hero who has inspired millions of people around the world through her activism. She was invited to speak at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York City on September 23, 2019. Greta Thunberg spoke to leaders from all over the world about the need for action to tackle the climate change.

In 2019, Greta famously sailed across the Atlantic Ocean on a zero-emissions sailboat to attend international climate conferences in New York City and Madrid. The trip brought attention to the danger of long-distance air travel as well as highlighting potential solutions such as renewable energy sources like wind power and electric boats.

What happened next?

Since then, Greta has founded several initiatives including Fridays For Future (now named B-Loved), which organizes student protests against government inaction on climate change around the world. She has also organized International Earth Strike; and Earth Uprising which seeks to engage young people in collective action for social change through direct action campaigns such as for example boycotts.

Greta's main demands or requirements are that governments reduce carbon emissions by 45% by 2030 compared to 2010 levels while also investing heavily in renewable energies like wind power and solar power.

She also calls for worldwide bans on new fossil fuel exploration or extraction projects as well as an end to economical support being given to oil companies.

She also advocates for developing countries to receive financial assistance from developed nations, so that they can transition their economies towards green technologies without any economic hardship for already vulnerable populations.

Finally, she argues that large multi-national corporations need to be held accountable for their roles in contributing towards climate change, including pollution from factories or destruction of rain forests due to agricultural expansion caused by their production demands.

Greta's story

Greta's story is one of hope – it serves as a reminder that when people come together with a shared passion for justice, they can achieve great things even if powerful institutions aren't willing to act quickly enough on critical issues facing our planet today. She is facing criticism from some people, but Greta continues her activism - something that gives inspiration not only to young people engaged in similar movements but also those who strive after big dreams despite seemingly hard odds.

The solutions

We see many new inventions and creative solutions for climate change.

Many companies and organizations work with for example green fuel for cars, electric cars, green fuel for airplanes, sustainable clothes production, solutions for how we create heat and electricity in a sustainable way. They also work for more sustainable production of food.

Companies also work with carbon capture and storage in the underground, which means that we help companies and bring their CO₂ from the atmosphere and put it in the underground in a safe way. This way we get cleaner air.

Therefore, many professionals like engineers work on more sustainable solutions and we already see better solutions to get a healthier planet. This is very good news.

Now it is time for a task:

Task:

1. Why did Greta Thunberg start to protest?
2. Why do you think Greta's activism has resonated with youth and inspired people around the world?
3. What do you think is the most important thing young people can do to create change?
4. What have young people done in solidarity together with Greta Thunberg?
5. Are there any other young activists that you admire and why?
6. If you have more time, please translate and work with the following new topic words and write sentences with some or all of them:
 - Different (forskellig)
 - Rights (rettigheder)
 - Ordinary (almindelig)

- People(mennesker)
- Equal (lige)
- Freedom(frihed)
- Education(uddannelse)

The phrases you can work with is the following:

- has to be (skal være)
- To change (at forandre)
- To save (at rede)
- To fight for (at kæmpe for)
- To make a difference (at gøre en forskel).

Now you can press pause and do the work. Please press play again when you are done.

If you have even more time, you can translate and work with some new words and write sentences about the following words:

- Activist
- Movement
- Climate change
- Inspiring
- Address the issue
- Renewable energy
- Initiatives
- Justice
- Hope

This is the story about a real-life hero, who changed the world and this is how the episode about Greta Thunberg ends.

If you want to learn more about the topic, please you go to the library or a trustworthy website. Remember to always check the sender's credibility to be sure that the information is right, before you read.

Have a wonderful day.

(Jingle and music)

Teacher perspective:

1. What is activism and how should a young person handle it if the person were considering getting involved in activism?

2. Analyse and discuss other youth heroes and what they have done to inspire the world.
3. Listen to and discuss Greta Thunberg's speech in 2019 at COP 25. You can search on the internet for "Greta Thunberg full speech at UN Climate Change COP25".
4. Focus on the solutions: Inspire the students to look into companies and organizations who are creating solutions for the environment for example carbon capture and storage in the underground, about green airplane fuel, electric cars, sustainable clothes production, how we create heat and electricity in a sustainable way, and environmental production of food.

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