

# Super Story Starters: Creating Heroes and Villains!

Get ready for an epic writing adventure where YOU get to create amazing heroes and dastardly villains!

## Needed Materials:

- Paper (lined for writing, plain for drawing)
- Pencils
- Crayons or colored markers
- Your amazing imagination!

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## Part 1: What Makes a Hero? (15 minutes)

Let's talk about heroes! Who are some of your favorites? (Think books, movies, or even real life!) What makes them heroic? Let's brainstorm some 'hero words'. I'll start: Brave, Kind, Strong, Helpful, Smart.

*Activity:* On a plain piece of paper, draw a line down the middle. On one side, write 'Hero Words' and list as many characteristics as you can think of that make someone a hero.

## Part 2: What Makes a Villain? (15 minutes)

Now for the villains! Who are some famous villains? What makes them villainous? What are their goals? Let's brainstorm some 'villain words'. I'll start: Sneaky, Selfish, Mean, Powerful (in a bad way!), Greedy.

*Activity:* On the other side of your paper, write 'Villain Words' and list characteristics that make someone a villain.

## Part 3: Create Your Hero! (20 minutes)

Time to design your very own hero! Think about:

- **Name:** What's a cool hero name?
- **Looks:** What do they wear? Do they have a symbol?
- **Powers/Skills:** What can they do? Are they super strong, super fast, super smart, or maybe super kind?
- **Personality:** Use some of your 'Hero Words'! Are they serious or funny? Quiet or loud?
- **Goal:** What does your hero want to achieve or protect?

*Activity:* On a new piece of paper (plain or lined), write down the details about your hero. Draw a picture of them on plain paper if you like!

## Part 4: Create Your Villain! (20 minutes)

Every great hero needs a great villain! Now, design your villain:

- **Name:** What's a spooky or sneaky villain name?
- **Looks:** What do they look like? Are they scary, tricky, or maybe surprisingly ordinary?
- **Powers/Skills:** What special abilities do they have? Maybe they control shadows, have super gadgets, or are very persuasive?
- **Personality:** Use some of your 'Villain Words'! Are they grumpy, boastful, or cold?

- **Goal:** What mischievous or evil plan does your villain have? What do they want? (Often, it's the opposite of the hero's goal!)

*Activity:* On another piece of paper, write down the details about your villain. Draw a picture if you want!

### **Part 5: Story Spark! (15 minutes)**

Now that you have a hero and a villain, let's think about how their story might start. Every story needs a problem or a conflict.

- Where do your hero and villain live or operate? (A big city? A magical forest? Outer space?)
- How might they meet?
- What problem could the villain cause that the hero needs to solve? (Maybe the villain stole something important, trapped someone, or is planning something sneaky?)

*Activity:* On lined paper, write 3-5 sentences outlining a simple story idea: Introduce the setting, introduce the villain's action (the problem), and how the hero finds out or gets involved. This is just the beginning!

### **Wrap-up: (5 minutes)**

Great job creating your characters and story idea! Look at your hero and villain profiles. Aren't they cool? You now have the building blocks for an amazing story. Save your papers – you can use them to write a full story later!