

Deeds of Courage

Read how heroes served others in difficult moments.

3.11.A “identify and describe the heroic deeds of state and national heroes and military and first responders such as Hector P. Garcia, James A. Lovell, and the Four Chaplains; and”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline actions that show a heroic deed, then write 1, 2, or 3 beside each paragraph to number its hero or hero group.

Heroes Who Served Others

- ① Hector P. Garcia served as an Army doctor during World War II. After the war, he worked to protect Mexican American veterans and families. In 1948, he helped found the American GI Forum. When a funeral home would not hold a service for veteran Felix Longoria, Garcia spoke up. He helped Longoria’s family arrange a burial at Arlington National Cemetery. His brave action challenged unfair treatment.
- ② James A. Lovell was a Navy pilot and an astronaut. In 1970, he commanded the Apollo 13 mission. An oxygen tank exploded on the spacecraft, putting the crew in danger. Lovell and his crew stayed calm and worked with people on Earth. They saved power and water, solved problems, and guided the damaged spacecraft home. The crew landed safely in the ocean. Lovell’s calm leadership helped save lives.
- ③ In 1943, four Army chaplains traveled on the troop ship Dorchester. When a German submarine torpedoed the ship, the chaplains helped frightened soldiers reach lifeboats. They gave away their own life jackets when none were left. The chaplains, a Methodist, a Jewish rabbi, a Catholic priest, and a Reformed Church minister, prayed together as the ship sank. Their sacrifice helped others live.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What unfair problem did Hector P. Garcia help Felix Longoria's family solve?

2 Describe two things James A. Lovell and his crew did after the oxygen tank exploded.

3 What did the Four Chaplains give to soldiers, and what did that choice show?

4 Choose Garcia, Lovell, or the Four Chaplains. Explain why that person or group was heroic using one detail from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a real national or state hero, military member, or first responder who is not in the reading. Write exactly three sentences that name the person, describe two heroic actions, and explain what trait made the person heroic.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline actions that show a heroic deed, then write 1, 2, or 3 beside each paragraph to number its hero or hero group. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What unfair problem did Hector P. Garcia help Felix Longoria's family solve?	A funeral home would not hold a service for Felix Longoria. Garcia helped the family arrange a burial at Arlington National Cemetery.
2	Describe two things James A. Lovell and his crew did after the oxygen tank exploded.	They stayed calm, worked with people on Earth, saved power and water, solved problems, and guided the spacecraft home. Accept any two.
3	What did the Four Chaplains give to soldiers, and what did that choice show?	They gave soldiers their own life jackets. Their choice showed sacrifice and service because it helped others live.
4	Choose Garcia, Lovell, or the Four Chaplains. Explain why that person or group was heroic using one detail from the passage.	Answers will vary. The response must name Garcia, Lovell, or the Four Chaplains and correctly explain a heroic deed from the passage.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Clara Barton cared for wounded soldiers during the Civil War and brought them medical supplies. In 1881, she founded the American Red Cross to help people after disasters. Her courage and service made her heroic.

Accept equivalent wording when students accurately describe a deed and connect it to courage, leadership, fairness, sacrifice, or service. For the open response, accept a different real person if the stated actions are accurate and meet the three-sentence requirement.