



**American Heroes Student Art Contest for the 250<sup>th</sup>**

**Artist Statement Planning Worksheet**

**Directions:** Use this Artist Statement Planning Worksheet to help you write a rough draft of your Artist Statement. Please note that this is NOT your final draft. Your final Artist Statement must be typed in your own approximately 200 words and submitted with your artwork on the ArtCall submission portal. (Students in upper elementary grades 3-5 may submit approximately 100 words.)

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title of Artwork:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your American Hero:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Their Accomplishment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer 2 or 3 of the following questions for your Artist Statement:**

1. **Describe the subject of your artwork:** Which American Hero did you choose, and how does your artwork represent this historical figure? Why did you choose this person? (Was it his or her courage or contribution, a specific moment in history, or a personal connection to your own life?) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **Share why your artwork's message is important (or matters):** Why does this person and their contribution to America matter to our nation, to your community, and to you? What might this person teach us about living heroically? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. **Explain how your artwork was influenced by a particular historical American art style or artist:** Which art style did you use to tell this story? Why do you think this style fits your hero? (For example: Impressionism with soft colors and light can make the artwork feel like a beautiful memory; or Realism with fine detail can show struggle on the hero's face.) \_\_\_\_\_

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