

PASSAGE 17

**A National Hero**

You faced injustice, hate and strife.  
You fought for what should be.  
You risked and finally gave your life,  
So others could be free.

You could have hated, but you chose  
To love and understand,  
Rejecting violence to oppose  
an evil in our land.

You'd not inflame, but stir inspire,  
With hope that wouldn't yield.  
You called for boycotts, not for fire,  
with faith your only shield.

You marched in protest for the poor  
of every shade and hue.  
So many hardships you'd endure  
For those who needed you.

You stirred a nation's heart and mind;  
Your message still is clear:  
That colours not how we're defined.  
Your memory's always near.

Each year your birth's a holiday.  
The nation honours you,  
And wonders when we'll see the day  
Your dream, at last, comes true.

Author Unknown

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A National Hero [13 points]

1. Write down the line in verse one which suggests that the national hero is no longer alive. [1]

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2. The national hero in the poem was a peace maker. Give TWO examples from the poem to support this opinion. [2]

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3. Give TWO examples from verse **four** to show that the author cared for others. [2]

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4. Has this national hero's wish come true? Write yes or no. [1] \_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you know? Support your answer with evidence from the poem. [1]

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6. Which of the following best summarizes the hero's belief? Bubble in the letter next to the correct answer. [1]

- (A) All national heroes should be remembered
- (B) Everyone should be treated fairly
- (C) We should always disagree
- (D) We should fight fire with fire

7. How does the nation remembers this national hero? [1]

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8. Read each statement below. Write 'F' if the statement is a fact and 'O' if it is an opinion. [4]

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ This hero is celebrated
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ This hero made people think
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ This hero should always be remembered
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ This hero was humble