**CNN Hero Paragraph**

Outline:

* Topic Sentence
* Transition to quote #1 (TAG+topic)
* Quote #1 (introduce quote with citation)
* Explanation sentences (Why is this person a hero? What does quote #1 show about their character?)
* Quote #2 (introduce quote with citation)
* Explanation sentences (Elaborate on why this person is a hero in connection to quote #2.)
* Transition to quote #3 (TAG+topic for second article)
* Quote #3 (introduce quote with citation)
* Explanation sentences (Based on quote #3, why is this person a hero?)
* Concluding sentence (What characteristics has this individual demonstrated make them an example to others?)

***Let’s break it down piece by piece using Bruno:***

**Topic Sentence:** *Your topic sentence should include the name of the CNN hero and a brief introduction to what makes them a hero.*

Example:

Bruno Serrato, owner of the Anaheim White House, feeds hundreds of kids a healthy meal nightly at the Boys and Girls Club, and has done so since 2005.

**Transition to Quote #1:** *TAG for the article + topic*

Example: “Hearts and Stomachs Filled”, a recent article in the OC Register by Anne Valdespino, demonstrates the commitment Bruno shows to helping others.

**Quote #1:** Intro + quote with citation

Example: When he visited local children at the Boys and Girls Club, he heard many could not afford dinners: “Bruno and his mother founded Caterina’s Club which has served more than 750,000 meals since 2005” (Valdespino).

**Explanation Sentences:** *Why is this person a hero? What does Quote #1 show you about the character of this individual. Remember -this should NOT be summary. It is your opinion!*

Example: Many people might be willing to help those in need once or twice, but Bruno has helped every day for the last 10 years. He takes time out of his own life and uses his own money to provide this service to hungry kids, not for fame or recognition, but because it is the right thing to do.

**Quote Intro + Quote #2:**

Example: Beyond serving these thousands of kids over the years, Bruno Serrato has “expanded the organization by helping local families move into suitable housing” (Valdespino).

**Explanation Sentences:** *What does Quote #2 show you about the hero? Do not repeat the same ideas you’ve already stated in your previous sentences.*

Example: A hero sees someone in distress and does all in their power to help which is exactly what Bruno Serrato is doing. Feeding hungry children is amazing, but helping families to find a place to live can make a huge difference in a family’s life.

**Transition to Quote #3:** *TAG for the second article + topic*

Example: In the CNN article, “Making sure ‘motel kids’ don’t go hungry” by Kathleen Toner, it show the true sacrifice Bruno is making to help others.

**Quote Intro + Quote #3:**

Example: When the economy was struggling, Bruno “often found himself giving away more meals than he served in his restaurant, and he was forced to refinance his home to keep going” (Toner).

**Explanation Sentences:** *What does Quote #3 show you about the hero? Do not repeat the same ideas you’ve already stated in your previous sentences.*

Example: Serrato shows true concern for the children and a commitment to helping others even in the face of adversity. Instead of giving up on the program or cutting back the number of days he serves food, he refinances his own home in order to continue his work to help others.

**Concluding Sentence:** *What characteristics has this individual demonstrated make them an example to others?*

Example: Bruno Serrato is a kind and generous individual who has put others needs above his own every single day for the last ten years.

Works Cited

Toner, Kathleen. “Making sure ‘Motel Kids’ don’t go Hungry.” *CNN Heroes*. Cable News

Network, Inc, 24 Mar 2011. Web. 12 Jan 2014.

Valdespino, Anne. “Hearts and Stomachs Filled.” *OC Register*. OC Register, 2 Jul 2014. Web. 13

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***Here is how the Bruno paragraph would actually look:***

Bruno Serrato, owner of the Anaheim White House, feeds hundreds of kids a healthy meal nightly at the Boys and Girls Club, and has done so since 2005. “Hearts and Stomachs Filled”, a recent article in the OC Register by Anne Valdespino, demonstrates the commitment Bruno shows to helping others. When he visited local children at the Boys and Girls Club, he heard many could not afford dinners: “Bruno and his mother founded Caterina’s Club which has served more than 750,000 meals since 2005” (Valdespino). Many people might be willing to help those in need once or twice, but Bruno has helped every day for the last 10 years. He takes time out of his own life and uses his own money to provide this service to hungry kids, not for fame or recognition, but because it is the right thing to do. Beyond serving these thousands of kids over the years, Bruno Serrato has “expanded the organization by helping local families move into suitable housing” (Valdespino). A hero sees someone in distress and does all in their power to help which is exactly what Bruno Serrato is doing. Feeding hungry children is amazing, but helping families to find a place to live can make a huge difference in a family’s life. In the CNN article, “Making sure ‘motel kids’ don’t go hungry” by Kathleen Toner, it show the true sacrifice Bruno is making to help others. When the economy was struggling, Bruno “often found himself giving away more meals than he served in his restaurant, and he was forced to refinance his home to keep going” (Toner). Serrato shows true concern for the children and a commitment to helping others even in the face of adversity. Instead of giving up on the program or cutting back the number of days he serves food, he refinances his own home in order to continue his work to help others. Bruno Serrato is a kind and generous individual who has put others needs above his own every single day for the last ten years.