Letter Writing Lesson

Medal of Honor Values

INTEGRITY: Being honest, keeping your word, and doing what is right, especially when it's hard.
COURAGE: Acting despite fear, danger, or hardship.
COMMITMENT: Drawing on the internal force that binds you to an idea, relationship, or goal.
SACRIFICE: Risking or giving up something of value for someone or something else.
CITIZENSHIP: The responsibility to participate and contribute to your community, society, or nation.
PATRIOTISM: The love, pride, and appreciation you have for your country.

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You don't have to be in the military to display *Medal of Honor values*! Many ordinary and extraodinary people show integrity, courage, commitment, sacrifice, citizenship, and patriotism.

1. First, think of someone you admire or learned about in school.
2. Research this person by reading a book, searching on the internet, or talking to them or someone who knew them.
3. Divide your paper into six parts and label each part with one Medal of Honor value: integrity, courage, commitment, sacrifice, citizenship, and patriotism.
4. Write down examples of how this person displayed a Medal of Honor value or values. (Not all six values need to have examples, but at least one should.)
5. Write a letter to this person, thanking them for what did, the decisions they made, or for being a role model. Include information on what makes them special and why you admire them.
6. Proofread your letter for mistakes.
7. Submit it to the www.iamamericacontest.org by February 15, 2027, or give it to your teacher or parent to submit for you.

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