

# Ms. Craig – Grade 5

My class has chosen **Bessie Coleman** as their hero. As students listened to a story about her and then read a story from "Reading A-Z" they responded to the following questions:

- What obstacles did Bessie face in her life?
- How did she overcome those obstacles? How was she able to become successful?
- What are some of her accomplishments?
- How is Bessie Coleman a hero?

Each student wrote a reflection on Google classroom to explain how they believe Bessie Coleman was a hero and drew a picture that shows a significant aspect of her life.

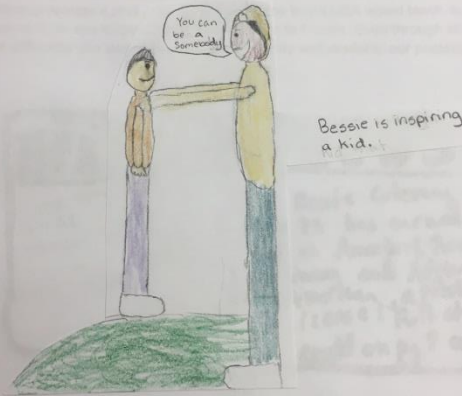
Their work was made into a Bessie Coleman book.

Why is Bessie Coleman a hero?

Rishabh Sinha

Bessie Coleman was a hero because she was the first African American woman to ever get an international pilot's license meaning that she could fly a plane anywhere in the world.

She was also a hero because while she traveled from town to town she would inspire young kids all around America telling them that they could be a somebody and they could do something great for the world. I know this because in Bessie's life, to learn how to fly she went to France because nobody in America wanted to teach Bessie how to fly. Bessie worked hard and learned how to speak French so she could communicate with the teachers there. Soon she learned how to fly and went back to America with an international pilot's license. She performed airshows and told kids that they could do anything. Many people were inspired by her. That is why Bessie Coleman was a hero.



Aimee Saju

Bessie Coleman is a hero to me because she persevered and never gave up to fly. Bessie Coleman was the first African-American female to get her pilot's license. Though she was female and African-American, Bessie Coleman managed to make her dream come true. In the 1920s, only a few women flew planes in America. It was unthinkable that an African-American woman could fly. Bessie Coleman just did that! Bessie was a brave African-American female who fought discrimination to follow her dream of becoming a pilot. Her perseverance and determination opened up for other African-Americans who came after her. She did everything she could do to try to learn how to fly. Though she died in the plane crash, she is still honored today for her perseverance and determination to be a pilot. That is why Bessie Coleman is a hero to me.

