**MODERN HEROES**

**POLITICIANS**

* Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts Senator—“And yet she persisted”)
* Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Supreme Court Justice)
* Barack Obama
* Michelle Obama
* Donald Trump
* Hillary Clinton
* John McCain (outspoken Republican senator)
* Nikki Haley (Republican US Ambassador to the United Nations; when governor of South Carolina, she signed legislation to remove Confederate flags from statehouse grounds)
* Sally Yates (US Deputy Attorney General, fired by Trump for not supporting his travel ban)

**INNOVATORS**

* Neil DeGrasse Tyson (astrophysicist)
* George Lucas (Star Wars!!!!)
* Bill Gates (Microsoft founder)
* Steve Jobs (Apple co-founder)
* Sally Ride (first female astronaut in space)

**LOCAL HEROES**

* Travis Manion (Doylestown resident and soldier whose life was lost in Iraq)
* Colby Umbrell (East grad who sacrificed his life in Iraq)
* Mo’ne Davis (Little League pitcher from Philly; the first female to throw a shut out AND appear on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*)

**ORDINARY PEOPLE**

* Gavin Grimm (student who challenged the Virginia bathroom bill but the Supreme Court wouldn’t hear the case)
* Chelsey Sullenberger (pilot who made a safe, emergency landing on the Hudson River)
* Alexandra Scott (founded Alex’s Lemonade Stand after she was diagnosed with cancer)
* Malala Yousefzai (as a teen, she was shot by the Taliban for trying to go to school in Pakistan)

**AUTHORS**

* J.K. Rowling (Harry Potter series)
* Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss)
* Margaret Atwood (her dystopian novel *The Handmaid’s Tale* just premiered on Hulu)
* John Green (author of *The Fault in Our Stars* and the *Crash Course* learning series on YouTube)

**CELEBRITIES/ATHLETES**

* Ashley Graham (plus-size model)
* Lady Gaga (outspoken on issues in the LGTBQ community and has helped bring awareness to the issue of sexual assault)
* Emma Watson (started HeforShe to bridge the gender divide)
* Mia Hamm (soccer gold medalist who helped build a US women’s professional league)
* Misty Copeland (African American ballerina once told she didn’t have the right body type to dance)
* Michael Phelps (record-breaking US Olympic swimmer)
* Oprah Winfrey (Angel Network, started a girls’ school in Africa, produces/stars in programs that tell human interest stories)
* Caitlyn Jenner (former Olympic athlete, she built awareness about the transgender community—people’s struggles and triumphs)
* Angelina Jolie: philanthropist/humanitarian, special envoy for the UN
* Lin Manuel Miranda (*Hamilton* writer/composer/actor and wrote lyrics for *Moana*)
* Jamie Oliver (British chef who formed a “food revolution” to encourage healthier eating, especially among kdis)

**OTHER**

* Pope Francis