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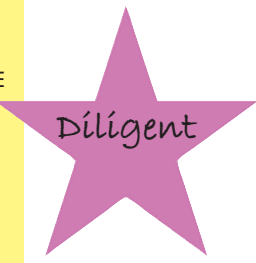
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This Month's Theme: Santa Barbara Heroes

What is a hero?

- ★ A person who lives passionately with high principles and ideals.
 - ★ A champion who never quits - in spite of great challenges and failures.
 - ★ One who makes sacrifices and takes risks for others "beyond the call of duty."
 - ★ A crusader for the conservation and preservation of resources of our earth.
 - ★ Trailblazers in the fields of science, medicine and the creative arts.
- Yes, these are all heroes!



The following stories and pictures are examples of heroes in our community. Even though they lived many years ago, they are still remembered and respected for their actions which shaped the history of Santa Barbara. Read the stories and match the word in the star to the hero that it describes. Write the hero's name in the star. Answers can be found below.

Pearl Chase – She was devoted to many causes but always remembered for her untiring efforts to beautify the city and preserve historic landmarks of Santa Barbara. After the earthquake in 1925, she persevered in her belief to rebuild Santa Barbara in the Spanish style. Pearl even convinced Southern Pacific Railroad to build their roundhouse at East Beach to look like a bullring in Spain. She won a battle against Standard Oil Company and saved the historic Morton Bay fig tree which is still standing today.



Gin Chow – From Canton, China, Gin Chow came to Santa Barbara in the early 1870s. After many years of hard work, Gin Chow purchased a 22-acre farm in the Goleta Valley. When Southern Pacific Railroad was laying tracks for a new line in 1900, Gin Chow won a fight to be paid a fair price for the right of way through his property. Gin Chow was also involved in a water rights legal battle in 1928. Although he and the other 38 landowners lost the case, the "Gin Chow Decision" established Santa Barbara's legal right to take some of the Santa Ynez River water at Gibraltar Reservoir.

Dr. William Sansum – During the early 1920s, Dr. Sansum ran Santa Barbara's world famous diabetes treatment center. Since diabetes was incurable and often fatal, patients were anxious to receive insulin therapy, which gave them a chance for a healthier and longer life. Dr. Sansum manufactured his own insulin, the first ever produced in the United States, until insulin became commercially available in 1923. Although Dr. Sansum did not discover a cure for diabetes, his dedicated research and treatment brought relief to hundreds of people suffering from this disease.



Judge Charles Fernald – Lured by the gold rush of 1848, Charles Fernald left Boston, arriving in San Francisco in 1849. Unsuccessful in finding gold, he began his return to Boston. When the ship stopped in Santa Barbara in 1852, this town was a lawless community, without a sheriff. Fernald accepted the offer to become sheriff - a rough and often dangerous job. His fairness and ability to uphold the law won him the respect of people in the community. After serving as county judge for three terms, he resigned because he disapproved of the local politics. He was later elected mayor of Santa Barbara and continued his unbending idealism in matters of right and wrong. His Victorian Queen Anne style house (Fernald Mansion) is owned and maintained by the Santa Barbara Historical Society. It is open every Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. with tours at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Bernarda Ruiz – In 1846, during the war between the United States and Mexico, Santa Barbara was under Mexican rule. The people of Santa Barbara were frightened when they learned that Colonel John Charles Fremont was coming to conquer Santa Barbara for the United States. They believed that Fremont would also take their land. Bernarda knew that if this happened, bitter feelings between the Americans and the Mexicans would continue

for many generations. Although women were not permitted to speak out, Bernarda bravely asked to meet with Colonel Fremont. He was persuaded to see her. She told Fremont that it would be far better to have the defeated Mexicans as supporters instead of enemies wanting to kill him. Fremont was impressed with her wisdom and followed her advice. Bernarda was present at the signing of the treaty that ended the Mexican War in California.



These heroes are figures from history, but heroes do not only exist in the past. They are with us in our daily lives. Think for a few moments of people you know - your parents, teachers, religious leaders, friends, and relatives. Make a list of your

own five heroes. Draw a star by their name and print one of the words from the stars on this page by their name. Just for fun, ask your parents, brothers, sisters and friends to name their heroes. Who knows? You, too, might be a hero to someone.

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Answers: Diligent - Pearl Chase; Risk taker - Gin Chow; Idealistic - Judge Charles Fernald; Trailblazer - Dr. William Sansum; Preservationist - Bernarda Ruiz

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