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Secret Heroes

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Synopsis: A boy must find something special to write about for his class project. When he finally learns the history behind his grandfather's stories of WWII, what else will he learn about one of his new classmates?

Strategy: Ask students to think of two animals or birds or fish that wouldn't get along together – examples: shark/minnow, fox/chicken, wolf/sheep. In twos and threes, make up a story where two of the weaker creatures help each other out, e.g., the sheep and chicken help each other hide from or escape from the wolf/fox. Share these with the class. Ask students to think of a time when someone they know helped someone different from him or her. What happened? How did being able to help someone make the helper feel? Ask students to write down two things they will try to do this week to help someone else who is different from them.