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Sacagawea – the Unsung Hero

An unsung hero is someone or something that is key to a successful outcome, but who gets little or no credit. For much of history, Sacagawea was simply a side note in the Lewis and Clark expedition. While historians are still in disagreement concerning her role in the epic adventure, more and more, she is seen as an integral ingredient to its overall success. Sacagawea served as the expedition's guide through much of mountain country, and also helped identify edible roots and plants for men who were often on the verge of starving. Most importantly, however, her very presence served to disarm Native peoples, enabling the expedition to communicate and trade.

Can you think of an unsung hero in movies, literature or sports? If not, think of one in your own life. Describe in detail below and discuss why and how your hero was unsung.

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