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MASKED HERO

How Wu Lien-teh Invented the Mask That Ended an Epidemic

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Who created the N95 mask? Meet Dr. Wu Lien-teh, defeater of the Manchurian plague, in a story authored by his great-granddaughter, an emergency physician who relied on his life-saving invention during a pandemic a century later.

Use *Masked Hero* in your classroom to talk about ingenuity, perseverance, and the importance of working together to keep one another safe.

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- When Lien-teh didn't have all of the materials or equipment he needed, he used items on hand to make something new. Ask your students if they've ever had to be resourceful to solve a problem.
- Discuss the many obstacles that Lien-teh overcame and how his perseverance through each led him to realize his dream and to create a mask that would save many lives.
- Ask your students to think of things we do each day to keep ourselves and one another safe, such as washing hands, following traffic rules, and wearing masks when needed.

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