Consider Gary Engle’s essay “What Makes Superman So Darned American?” and Jenny Lynn Bader’s essay “Larger than Life.”

Please write a unified essay that explains what you think each writer is saying, comparing and/or contrasting what you think they believe the value of heroes to be. You should focus mainly on the two texts. What conclusions do the authors draw about our society’s relationship to superheroes?

Please be specific in your answer, drawing on the texts to support your assertions. You should use relevant quotes from the text to strengthen your arguments. Remember to take a few minutes at the end of the second hour to proofread your work.

You may, if you wish, consider your own experiences and the experiences of people around you as additional support. However, the main focus of your essay must be the two texts.