On the day of 9/11, one of the many firefighters that had responded to the rescue call in the twin towers was Christopher Santora the fire fighter who had given his life to saving the trapped citizens in the twin towers. Some have chosen to treat Christopher Santora as a heroic man, while others choose to treat him like a legend. However, a hero is not as similar to a legend as one would think. One “legend” of today’s modern society may as well have been Steve Jobs, the inventor of Apple that created products of immense power. A hero however, could have been even Benjamin Franklin of history, the famous inventor and the man that changed the world of science.

A hero and a legend may not be as similar as one would think. Heroes have come to be portrayed as different things. Heroes have been viewed as various things by children and adults alike. Legends, compared to heroes, have been viewed as tales that children talk about and what others glance over. Heroes, where they affect the world and in who which everybody acknowledges, are greater than legends who have only been shown in the media, and not yet noticed by the world, for they have not changed the world physically as heroes do.

Definitions differ based on one’s opinion on what a hero or a legend may be. In my opinion, a hero would be a person that have changed the course of history, or affected society in such an immense way that one’s average life before that person came had been changed into something else. Heroes, compared to a legend, are much grander. A legend is one who is or was famous and widely known for their deeds. However, one such legend could have been a mere superstar, or celebrity that had participated in many movies; that enough is considered being a legend in the movie world. One hero could be Benjamin Franklin the man who changed the world of science. Benjamin Franklin made the Franklin Stove, the bifocal glasses, the famous kite and key in the thunderstorm experiment proving that lightning and electricity was pone and the same, as well as the glass harmonica, and being the first man who gave out electric positive and negative charges. The lightning rod was many of the inventions that he made, that have affected houses that would hit by lightning. A popular legend that one may know is Steve Jobs, the inventor of Apple who created several app computers and smart phones. Steve Jobs, however, is a legend not a hero. He did not save people, but was only popular for the great technological advances that he brought to the light for the world’s use.