

Impact Statement

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Andrew Jackson Higgins and the Higgins Boat, 2025

Acrylic on paper, 14.33 x 10 inches

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Unsung Hero: Andrew Jackson Higgins

Andrew Jackson Higgins made a big impact on the outcome of World War II. Andrew Jackson Higgins was a boatbuilder that designed and manufactured the "Higgins Boat." I find his creativity and leadership inspirational. His creativity on designing and making the boat was a huge impact on World War II. How did Andrew Jackson Higgins's boat have a big impact on one of the biggest wars? The Higgins Boat made by the Higgins industry allowed troops to land on open beaches instead of heavily defended ports. Andrew Jackson Higgins adapted his Eureka Boat to meet the military's specifications for a landing craft too. Higgin's designs significantly impacted the Allied war effort. Higgin's design allowed infantry and small vehicles to exit through the front ramp.

My artwork of this hero expresses his heroic actions and how it was. I painted the actual blueprint and design of the Higgins boat and how it was made to show how the Higgins Boat was created and how it affected World War II by adding exact words that were in the blueprint I have researched about. I also painted a lot of soldiers in the background to show that they were in a war and the fact that they used the Higgins boat during the war. I painted the Higgins boat and painted Andrew Jackson Higgins sitting on it to show he was the creator of this boat, and this boat was used in a war. The focus in my artwork was the Andrew Jackson Higgins, but also the Higgins Boat since that was one of the main reasons that he is known for some people. That is the reason why I painted Andrew Jackson Higgins stand out the most in the artwork and painted the Higgins Boat huge under Andrew Jackson Higgins so people could see the boat.

My Unsung Hero's story influences my actions or outlook on life because if it was not for the Higgins Boat, the countries that won and the countries that lost would have changed and that could have a big impact to those countries and I might have a connection with one of those countries such as friends, traveling, or even universities. The hopes and plans for sharing my artwork with others could be making others know who this person was because he is not a hero that everyone knows yet, why he was important, and how he might have affected them in their life. My artwork can also show others how boats are designed and how these designs were helpful to one of the biggest wars since most people know how big World War II was and how much impact it had on citizens. Overall, I think Andrew Jackson Higgin's accomplishments should be more well known to people and teachers should teach students at school how important role he was as a role

model. If it wasn't for his boats, leadership, role, or creativity, the outcome of World War II would have been very different. People say that he was "the man who won the war for us."