



**BOOKBRIDGE STORY COMPETITION 2018/2019**

# **Grandma Mao**

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There was a woman, named grandma Mao. She lived in Kampong Speu province. She is Khmer. Before French colony, she was a beautiful woman. She got married with a commander. After the aggression of Siam, her husband led the army to fight in the war with Siam. Her husband died in the battle field.

Grandma Mao heard about his death. She felt very terrified. Then, she determined to struggle for her nation. She led the army to fight back to Siam and got successful. She became a famous hero for Khmer people. Not only she helped to build the road, hospital, school, water system, etc, she also helped the poor and kids who couldn't go to school, and orphan. Grandma Mao was a manager. She took control people in the south-west area with happiness. Other people loved and respected her until today. Either normal people or civil people gave respect to her and appointed her as a represent statue in Pich Nil of Bokor Mountain. In the present time, the visitors who visit Bokor Mountain always go and give offering and ask for happiness, have a safe trip.

Actually, all general people including me always think about her achievement in the struggling with Siam for my country. She is the very woman who devoted herself for army, the injured army. Today, people always take care of her statue and respect her all together. She made people happiness when she was alive and even after she died. I am so happy and appreciate what she has done for the nation. Grandma Mao is the wonderful hero woman in all Khmer people's heart.