

HERO'S JOURNEY NARRATIVE ESSAY GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Think about all the heroes you have encountered in fiction and real life. What type of hero appeals to you? Write a narrative about an original hero. Use the Hero's Journey Archetype to develop and structure your ideas.

Your narrative should:

- include a complex and original protagonist (your hero)
- establish a clear point of view, setting, and conflict
- use precise and engaging details, dialogue, imagery, and description
- engage and orient with the reader in a detailed exposition
- sequence events in the plot effectively including ALL of the steps from the Hero's Journey Archetype. Include Subtitles for each stage and step.
 - Stage 1: The Departure
 - The Call to Adventure
 - Refusal of the Call
 - The Beginning of the Adventure
 - Stage 2: Initiation
 - The Road of Trials
 - The Experience with Unconditional Love
 - The Ultimate Boon
 - Step 3: The Return
 - Refusal of the Return
 - The Magic Flight
 - Rescue from Without
 - The Crossing or Return Threshold
- use a variety of transitional strategies effectively and purposefully
- provide a thoughtful resolution (what did your hero learn?)

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- Step 1: Complete Hero's Journey Narrative Brainstorming Guide (**assigned Tuesday 9/25**)
- Step 2: Begin writing Hero's Journey Narrative rough draft (**4 full class periods**)
- Step 3: Peer Editing Day (**Wednesday 10/10**)- I will check to see that your rough draft is completed (daily grade)
- Step 4: Revise your Hero's Journey Essay
- Step 5: Complete your FINAL DRAFT (major grade) and submit in Google Classroom by 4:15 on **Monday 10/15*****

Formatting of Final Draft

Title Page:

Original Title (this means you come up with an original title for your narrative)

Name

Class Period

Narrative:

- 12 point font (Arial, Times New Roman, or Calibri)
- Indent new paragraph
- Include underlined subtitles for each stage AND step of Hero's Journey.

***Students may type their final draft on Google Docs using their device, home computer, library computer, OR in the computer lab. Ms. Cook will open the D-hall computer lab on Thursday 10/11, Friday 10/12, and Monday 10/15 (due date). If you are not able to type the document and submit it in Google Classroom, you may turn in a paper copy. Paper copies should still include a title page, indentations at each new paragraph, and underlined subtitles for each stage and step of the Hero's Journey.

A note from Ms. Cook:

This is your first formal writing assignment of the year and it is a major grade. If you are confused or need help in any way... JUST ASK! Tutorials are available every morning from 8:15-8:35. If I am absent or in a meeting, you may go to another 8th grade ELAR teacher for help (McKinney D405 or Rabinowitz D407). I am looking forward to reading your Hero's Journey Narrative!

Happy Writing,

Ms. Cook