

The Hero's Journey (85 points)

Every hero must take a journey, and it just so happens that most journeys follow one basic pattern. The acclaimed mythologist Joseph Campbell defined 3 stages (divided into 17 steps) to the hero's journey. While all heroes go through some form of the 3 stages, not all of them undergo all 17 steps. This assignment is to help you learn the stages and steps of this classical pattern, known as The Hero's Journey.

You may work in groups of up to three for this assignment.

To begin, go to the following website: <http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/smc/journey/main.html>

Click on the green suitcase on the left (“Reference”). At the top of the next screen, you will see a green bar with a drop-down menu that says “Select a step...”. This is where you begin your research. Each stage has five or six steps to it. **Your assignment is to take notes on each of the steps, including:**

- **The name of the step**
- **A definition/explanation of the step that you can understand. Don't just brainlessly copy the words on the screen. Understand them, then write it in a way that makes sense to you and will still make sense to you several weeks, months, or years from now.**
- **Two questions that help you frame this step. (These, too, do not have to be copied word for word—feel free to reword the questions to be shorter and/or clearer...just don't lose the meaning of them.)**

Note: if you don't know a word (such as “boon”)...look it up and understand it.

As you work, think about examples of these steps from popular books and movies you have read or seen. The key to learning and understanding is connecting new information with what you already know—that way, the new information becomes far more interesting and is MUCH easier to understand.