

The Hero's Journey

Today and Beyond...

-Extra Credit-

THE HERO'S JOURNEY IS A UNIVERSAL ELEMENT OF STORYTELLING. THE ROOTS OF THE JOURNEY REACH BACK TO STORIES TOLD BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY, AND THE JOURNEY CONTINUES TO THIS DAY, INSPIRING STORY TELLERS ACROSS THE WORLD.

FOR THIS EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENT, YOU WILL BE TASKED WITH IDENTIFYING THE ELEMENTS OF THE HERO'S JOURNEY IN MODERN CINEMA AND LITERATURE. YOU WILL BE GIVEN SAMPLES OF LITERATURE AND MOVIES WITH WHICH YOU ARE PROBABLY ALREADY FAMILIAR, AND TASKED WITH REVIEWING ONE OF THE STORIES AND IDENTIFYING STAGES OF THE HERO'S JOURNEY. YOU WILL RECEIVE UP TO 4 POINTS FOR EACH STAGE YOU ADEQUATELY IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN—THERE ARE 17 STAGES IN THE HERO'S JOURNEY IDENTIFIED IN CLASS

([HTTP://WWW.NCLI.DIST.MARICOPA.EDU/SAC/JOURNEY/MAIN.HTML](http://www.ncli.dist.maricopa.edu/sac/JOURNEY/MAIN.HTML)). THE MORE STAGES YOU IDENTIFY IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT, THE MORE EXTRA CREDIT YOU WILL RECEIVE. UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ALL STORIES WILL INCLUDE ALL 17 STAGES, BUT THEY SHOULD EACH INCLUDE MOST OF THEM.

TO RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR EACH STAGE, YOU MUST:

- IDENTIFY THE STAGE (CALL TO ADVENTURE, ROAD OF TRIALS, ETC.)
- TELL WHICH SCENE FROM THE BOOK OR MOVIE FULFILLS THIS STAGE, AND EXPLAIN THE SCENE IN DETAIL TO SHOW WHY THE SCENE FULFILLS THE STAGE

A sample of a full-credit entry:

Call to Adventure:

In *Star Wars*, Luke Skywalker is working for his uncle, unaware of his ancestry and destiny. His uncle buys two "droids", one of which, R2-D2, is on his own journey to find Obi-wan Kenobi to deliver a holographic message from Princess Leia. Luke sees the hologram of the princess and is captivated by her image. Luke follows the droid, and meets Obiwan who asks Luke to come with him to rescue the princess. This is the beginning of Luke's call.

Star Wars is magnificent for mythological traits, but has been done to death; therefore, I will limit you to the following four book/movie series.

Harry Potter



NARNIA

MATRIX