

The Hero's Journey - Unit Guide

Reading Goals

Students will:

- Analyze story elements. (GLE 2.2.3)
- Analyze literary/narrative texts for similarities and differences and cause and effect relationships. (GLE 2.3.1)
- Analyze recurring themes in literature. (GLE 3.4.3)

Writing Goals

Students will:

- Revise text, including changing words, sentences, paragraphs, and ideas (GLE 1.3.1)
- Analyze ideas, select a manageable topic, and elaborate using specific, relevant details and/or examples (GLE 3.1.1)

Overview

During this unit you will be reading a number of different Greek and Roman myths, completing in-class writing assignments on the readings, creating a poster that illustrates one of the stages in the Hero's Journey, and a number of other activities designed to help you create the year's first literary analysis essay, attempting to answer the following prompt:

In his post-humous publication *Memories, Dreams, Reflections* Carl Jung writes that “[a]s far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being.”

In your opinion, have any of the heroes we studied kindled a light in the darkness of mere being? Have others failed to do so?

Important Due Dates

The first draft of your literary analysis essay will be due on Monday, October 11th. The final will be due on Wednesday, October 13th.

Evaluation

You will be evaluated based upon the essay rubric presented in class (available online) and upon your reflection (see rubric below).

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The Reflection	Student clearly articulates how goals were met in the essay by giving examples and insightful commentary.	Student articulates how goals were met, but commentary is rote and/or examples are minimal.	Students does not clearly articulate how goals were met, but discusses the paper in general terms without examples.

Point Values

Each formal essay will be worth 50 points, outline worth 5, the draft worth 15, and the reflection worth 10. Students who do not demonstrate that they have met unit or individual goals will be asked to revise and resubmit for credit.