

Finding the Hero's Journey

Name _____

<p>Choose a story: Name a film, video game, or book with which the whole group is familiar with. This is the story that your group will be analyzing for this assignment. Note: Stories that are epic or adventurous in scope usually work best for this assignment.</p>	
<p>The Hero: Who is the protagonist of your story? If there are multiple protagonists, narrow it down to one main character. This is the "hero" of the story. What are some of the hero's heroic qualities?</p>	
<p>The Quest: What task is the protagonist given to complete? Usually there is a problem that the hero needs to solve.</p>	
<p>Ordinary World: At the beginning of the story, what is the hero's location? Is this an exciting place? Does the hero want to escape this place?</p>	
<p>Call to Adventure, Herald: What news or event breaks the hero away from the world he or she is used to? Is the Hero reluctant to go at first?</p>	
<p>Mentor: Who is a wise character who offers advice or assistance to the hero on the journey? What assistance does the mentor offer the hero?</p>	
<p>Talisman: Is the hero given a special item? Does the hero have a special power or ability that others don't have? How does this talisman help the hero on the journey?</p>	

<p>Threshold Guardian: Is there a small obstacle that the hero must overcome at the beginning of his or her journey? This might be a lesser villain that the hero must defeat or a fear to be overcome.</p>	
<p>Allies: Who are the characters who accompany the hero on the journey? How do they help the hero?</p>	
<p>Shadow: Who is the antagonist—the character, group, or force that the hero is struggling against? How is this character the opposite of the hero?</p>	
<p>Tests: What are some events that happen in the story that teach the hero valuable lessons and make him or her stronger?</p>	
<p>Supreme Ordeal: What is the ultimate task that the hero must perform to solve his or her problem?</p>	
<p>Reward: What does the hero receive for defeating the Shadow or passing the Supreme Ordeal?</p>	
<p>Restoring the World: How has the hero's world changed because of the journey? How is it better—or maybe just different?</p>	
<p>Wisdom: What lessons has the hero learned about him or herself on this journey? What are we (the spectators) supposed to learn from the journey?</p>	