Honors English 11

Archetypal Hero WebQuest/PowerPoint

**Step 1**

Log in to my website (mrbarrows.weebly.com). From the Honors English page open the video link titled “What Makes a Hero”. Watch the short video and answer the following questions.

1. What are the two worlds of the hero’s journey?
2. The ordinary world and the special world
3. Mars and Venus
4. The inner world and the outer world
5. There is only one world
6. Think of your favorite book or movie. Does it follow (parts of) the hero’s journey pattern? Explain why or why not with some examples.
7. When does the hero realize that he/she is changed or has outgrown his/her old life?
8. 6:00, when the hero dies and is reborn (usually symbolically)
9. 3:00, when the hero crosses the threshold, departing on his/her quest
10. 9:00, when the hero crosses the threshold, returning from his/her quest
11. 1:00, when the hero hears the call to adventure
12. Can you think of an episode from your own life that fits the hero’s journey formula? Explain.
13. What is another word for the “hero’s journey”?
14. Monomyth
15. Crisis
16. Saving Face
17. Denoument
18. In many stories, the hero must cross a physical barrier that separates the ordinary world from the special world, but the two worlds aren’t always physical places. Can you think of a story that follows a hero’s journey through a special world of unfamiliar emotional territory? Explain.
19. What author is most associated with the concept of the hero’s journey?
20. Joseph Campbell
21. John Dewey
22. Daniel Webster
23. Virginia Woolf
24. According to the hero’s journey paradigm, the treasure you seek lies
25. In the cave you fear to enter
26. In the ordinary world
27. At the departure threshold
28. At the return threshold

**Step 2**

An archetype refers to a recurring pattern in literature. An archetypal hero symbolizes important ideals and values of his or her home culture. Read and familiarize yourself with the nine traits of an archetypal hero.

1. **Unusual Birth –** The hero’s birth is surrounded by unusual circumstances.
2. **The Call to Adventure –** The hero is called to leave home, and he or she willingly or unwillingly goes.
3. **Supernatural Helper –** The hero is aided by someone, often old and wise, with magical and mystical power.
4. **Talisman or special weapon –** The hero has a weapon or protective device given to him or her that will be useful on the journey.
5. **Crossing the Threshold –** The hero leaves the familiar, safe world of home and enters fully into the new world of the journey.
6. **Trials –** The hero has to succeed at a series of trials that challenge and build his or her moral strength and character.
7. **Achievement of Goal –** Upon successful completion of the trials, the hero achieves the goal of the journey.
8. **Reconciliation with a father-figure –** If a division or conflict with the hero’s father or father-figure is part of the hero’s journey, reconciliation or healing with the father occurs.
9. **Return Home –** The hero, sometimes willingly and sometimes unwillingly, again crosses the threshold and returns home.

**Step 3**

Many modern adventure stories follow the pattern of the archetypal hero. Think of a hero figure from a movie, television show, the *Bible,* a book, or any other type of media that possesses these nine characteristics and create a PowerPoint presentation describing the hero and his/her journey. If you are stuck, you may use the Internet to search for ideas. Do not use Harry Potter, Frodo, or Caithness from *Hunger Games* as they were mentioned in the video you watched. Also, do not use any of the Greek heroes you read about in your mythology book. Your PowerPoint needs to contain the following:

1. An introductory slide that introduces your hero and states your name.
2. A slide for each of the nine characteristics of the archetypal hero, explaining and illustrating how your chosen hero exhibits the quality.
3. Each slide must have bulleted text and a graphic/picture
4. Each slide must be proofread
5. Print one copy of a thumbnail version of your slideshow and turn it in to me.

**Step 4**

Submit your slideshow to turnitin.com and be prepared to present your PowerPoint to the class.