The Heroic Journey Assignment

Now that you understand how the heroic journey works, you and one other person are going to create a PowerPoint or movie maker presentation on any real or fictional hero of your choice with some exceptions that we have done in class.

Each slide of the power point will be devoted to each step of the heroic journey. They are:

1. Characteristics of a hero and who are they 6. The Final Struggle/transformation
2. The Call 7. Elixir/Boon
3. Crossing the Threshold/helper guide 8. Flight
4. Test Ordeals 9. Return
5. Into the Abyss 10. My hero is similar to Hero X from…

In every slide you must describe how your hero of choice goes through every step of the journey and how it relates to each one of these steps. Here is an example of a mock slide below:



Of course you can use more than one slide to describe each step. Every section must list the stage of the heroic journey; describe what actions they take, and add graphics or music that adds to what you are saying (Please no random meaningless images). Also no super hero or animated films are allowed.

Your grade will consist of how well you and your partner present your findings, the quality of the data and how true it is to the heroic journey and how creative and unique the project is. Work well with your partner to acquire the data, images, and perhaps sound files you may need. Make sure you pick a strong candidate for the journey and not one that achieves it by death and thus does not have a complete cycle. You can choose a religious, historical or fictional person and no other group can have or choose the same person. The next time I see you we will have lab time in the library and you need to turn in a brief outline to prove that you have chosen well. It is on a first come, first serve on the individual you want to choose. There is a series of questions you must answer for each stage.

Questions you must answer on each slide.

Characteristics of the hero: Describe the hero. What does he or she look like? How do we meet him or her? What qualities of the hero do they possess before they begin their quest?

Threshold/Helper Guide: Who is the Guide? How do we know s/he is the Guide? What advice, guidance, or gift does the guide give to the hero to begin the adventure? What role does the guide play throughout the adventure? What is the familiar world they leave to enter the unknown? When does it happen?

Test and Ordeals: What trials does the hero overcome as he/she travels? How do they overcome them? What do they learn?

The Abyss: What is their greatest fear? What does it look like? Does the hero fall and face it again? What is the lowest point in their journey?

Final Struggle/ Transformation: Does the journey have a “Slaying the Dragon” stage? If so, describe its location and the events that take place within it. Does a death or rebirth occur? How does the transformation take place?

Elixir: What blessing or gift is given to the hero? How does this change the hero? How has the hero matured?

Flight: When does the Hero go back to their point of origin? How is the journey like? Is it fast or is it benign on their way back?

Return: Does the hero return to his family when the quest is over? How does the quest end? How has their viewpoint changed? What do they bring back with them?

My hero is similar to Hero X from…: What other movie, real life, mythological or religious hero is similar to your hero? How?

This is worth 3 grades: The quality and creativity of the presentation (Whether PowerPoint, movie or what comes out of your mouth). The accuracy of the heroic journey’s eight stages and how well the grammar and vocabulary is that you use for it. Every 3 grammatical errors will result in one lower grade for this portion. Good Luck. This will be due in two weeks time. Please bring it on a flash drive.

The 4th and last grade will be to create five multiple choice questions based on your movies connection to the heroic journey. It must have a bank of 4 options and you are not allowed to use all or none of the above. You can add to the end of your power point or put them on www.Kahoot.it so the class can make a game out of them. (You need to create an id to do this but it is free of charge)