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Journey of the Hero Vocabulary

Hero= usually the main character in a literary work, most involved in the main action. The person who "learns the lesson" of the story and is changed by it. The hero commands the most interest and empathy from the reader.

Story= metaphor for the human condition, with characters (archetypes) who embody universal qualities that are a part of every human being.

Myth= a special kind of story that deal with the forces of creation and the relationship of those forces to human beings—a metaphor for a mystery beyond human comprehension that helps us to understand, by analogy, some aspect of the mysterious universe we live in - not an untruth, but a way of reaching or getting at a profound truth.

Epic= a long story or poem set in a remote time and place, and dealing with heroic characters, deeds, and legends.

Archetype= characters or energies/functions that repeatedly occur in the dreams, stories, and mythologies of all people, of all cultures they reflect aspects of the human personality.

Mentor= a teacher who aids the hero in her journey.

Foreshadowing= an element introduced early in a plot to indicate possible future events.