“The Odyssey” Expository Compare / Contrast Essay - Pre-AP English - Ms. McCaleb

Objective: You will be able to write an expository compare and contrast essay based on the Hero’s Journey of two different characters found in literature or in film.

Goals:

1. Watch “The Odyssey” on DVD or YouTube. (We watched ⅔ of the movie in class.)
2. Read selected excerpts from “The Odyssey” in the English 1 textbook. (Completed outside of class.)
3. Watch or read a second epic poem, movie or novel (your choice) outside of class.

Note: You MAY watch the same movie with a group of friends but you still need to complete your own work. Make it a fun movie night!

1. Create a Hero’s Journey chart for BOTH epic heroes.
2. Write a 3-page essay that compares and contrasts the heroic traits, lessons and journey of each hero. Remember that you are explaining and evaluating, not arguing which one is more of a hero or who had the most to overcome.
3. Prepare essay in correct MLA formatting as directed.
4. Submit essay to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) by November 4th.
5. All work will be signed off by a parent/guardian as witness to your outside viewing / reading.

Due Date: November 4th Grade Type: Quiz Grade

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Parents / Guardians:

Please review the assignment guidelines with your son / daughter, and please approve which epic movie or piece of literature he/she will view or read at home or in the theater. I have listed some suggestions for this assignment on the back. Please have your son/daughter turn this form in to me ASAP.

Thanks, and I think this will be a fun assignment for the students as they apply their knowledge of the “Epic Hero’s Journey” to another piece of literature as a means of comparing and contrasting the characters’ journeys and experiences. Plus, it’s a great way to practice expository writing for the STAAR 9th grade exam.

Thank you!

Ms. McCaleb

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My son / daughter will be viewing the movie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for this assignment. I have given my son/daughter permission to view this film.

Printed name of son / daughter: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of parent / guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 “Epic Hero” / “Epic Journey”

Braveheart

Star Wars

Iron Man

Batman

Superman

Spider-man

Indiana Jones

Die Hard

Harry Potter

Hulk

Troy

Titanic

The Hunger Games

Avatar

King Kong

Gladiator

Gone with the Wind

Lord of the Rings

Wonder Woman

\*Remember, you can always Google epic movies and epic heroes to get an idea of options available to you.\*