

# Hero Myth Creative Writing Assignment

For this assignment you will create a unique Hero Myth by using the Hero's Journey formula. To write your story you will use 8 key elements of the Hero Journey: The Call, The Threshold (with guardians, helper, and mentor), The Challenges, The Abyss, The Transformation, The Revelation, The Atonement, and The Return.

1. You will create a hero myth that incorporates one element from each of the four categories below.
2. Using the last 4 digits of your phone number, circle the corresponding elements. You must stay with the numbers you circle.
3. The story needs to be a minimum of 750 words (about 3 pages) and a maximum of 2500 words (about 10 pages). Include word count at the end of your story.
4. Print in black ink only and use size 12 Times New Roman or Arial font. Single space.
5. Extra credit: Create a full color, hand drawn cover page with a title and your name as author.
6. **Our first check will be to turn in your web and rough draft.**

(1 <sup>st</sup> digit) <u>Hero</u>	(2 <sup>nd</sup> digit) <u>Abyss</u>	(3 <sup>rd</sup> digit) <u>Divine Gift</u>	(4 <sup>th</sup> digit) <u>Theme</u>
0. Choose from list	0. an active volcano	0. a secret potion	0. the truth will be revealed
1. a wizard/witch	1. Choose from list	1. a magical amulet	1. justice prevails
2. an orphan	2. a mountainous island	2. a secret scroll	2. making a sacrifice for others
3. a queen/king	3. an underground cavern	3. a magic ring	3. freedom from oppression/enslavement
4. a warrior	4. ancient temple	4. a box or sack	4. eternal friendships
5. a bandit	5. a jungle	5. a sword	5. discovering a secret from the past
6. a vampire or werewolf	6. a desert	6. a charm or magic saying	6. Choose from list
7. a demigod /demigoddess	7. a castle	7. a staff	7. righting a wrong
8. an animal (your choice)	8. a river, lake, or ocean	8. a book	8. overcome great obstacles
9. a servant	9. a frozen mountain pass	9. Choose from list	9. rescuing a friend

# Rubric

<b>Narrative Focus</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	The narrative is clearly focused and maintained throughout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>effectively establishes a <b>setting</b>, narrator and/or <b>characters</b>, and point of view.</li> </ul>	The narrative is adequately focused and generally maintained throughout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>adequately establishes a setting, narrator and/or characters, and point of view.</li> </ul>	The narrative is somewhat maintained and may have a minor drift in focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inconsistently establishes a setting, narrator and/or characters, and point of view.</li> </ul>	The narrative may be maintained but may provide little or no focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>may be very brief</li> <li>may have a major drift</li> <li>focus may be confusing or ambiguous.</li> </ul>
<b>Organization</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	All 8 stages of the Hero's Journey are included and easily identifiable.	6 of 8 stages of the Hero's Journey are included and easily identifiable.	4 of 8 stages of the Hero's Journey are included and easily identifiable.	Less than 4 stages of the Hero's Journey are included and easily identifiable.
<b>Conventions</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	The narrative demonstrates a strong command of conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>few, if any, errors in usage and sentence formation</li> <li>effective and consistent use of <b>punctuation</b>, <b>capitalization</b>, and <b>spelling</b>.</li> </ul>	The narrative demonstrates an adequate command of conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>some errors in usage and sentence formation but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed</li> <li>adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.</li> </ul>	The narrative demonstrates a partial command of conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning</li> <li>inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.</li> </ul>	The narrative demonstrates a lack of command of conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>errors are frequent and severe and meaning is often obscured.</li> </ul>

12 = 4, 11 = 3.7, 10 = 3.3, 9 = 3, 8 = 2.7, 7 = 2.3, 6 = 2, 5 = 1.7, 4 = 1.3, 3 = 1