

# MYTHOLOGY, FOLKLORE, FANTASY & THE HERO

## Course Expectations

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Welcome to class!

**MYTH      FOLKLORE      LEGEND      FAIRY TALE      FANTASY**

These terms are connected with the concept of a fanciful tale or story, and they are often used interchangeably in our society. Yet each one of these terms presents the reader with a unique experience. That is what we will be studying this semester.

The term **hero** is found in all of these stories. We will also analyze the **hero's journey** this semester, and apply it to a variety of characters.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

\*One 3-ring binder **or** notebook with a folder

-Notes/ handouts/ assignments/ writing activities

\*One USB stick/ Other saving capability for working on assignments

-You will be given lab time to work on assignments; I expect you to come to class prepared

\*Writing utensil

We will read excerpts from a variety of sources as we study these forms, and also watch films as we study the hero's journey and discuss how filmmakers tried to bring these old, ancient stories to life.

\*Please be advised that there will be essay questions on tests that pertain to the films. If you are absent when they are shown in class, it is your responsibility to watch the film on your own time so you are prepared for the test.

## Grading:

### **Projects/Papers**

**40%**

Along with Quizzes/Tests, these assignments are the majority of your grade in this class. They will cover a variety of writing. When the assignments are handed out I will let you know how many points they are worth. For each assignment I will give you required criteria. I grade your assignments based on these criteria.

**Late Policy:** The assignment will be downgraded **ONE FULL GRADE** for every day it is late, until it reaches the zero mark. Please keep in mind that you will always be given a considerable amount of time to complete the assignment. Incomplete Writing Assignments will be marked off accordingly.

**Format:** Unless otherwise specified, I expect all **Writing Assignments** to be **typed** according to the following format:

12 pt

1" margins

Double-spaced (unless it is poetry or dialogue)

**Assignments that are not typed will not be accepted and will be marked late.**

### **Quizzes/ Tests**

**40%**

You will have 2-3 Unit Tests each quarter. **There will also be a final exam.**

### **In-class participation/discussions/presentations**

**10%**

Please come prepared to class, and use your time productively.

### **Homework**

**10%**

\*Exercises, readings, questions, brainstormers to get you started on an assignment, etc.

**\*POLICY:**

**If you do not have your homework, then it is recorded as a 0.**

**I do not accept late homework in this class.**

**\*CHEATING:**

**If at any time you turn in completed homework based on the readings given in class, then fail a reading quiz on that same reading, no homework points will be given.**