

Hero's Journey

A classic story structure in which an unlikely hero or heroine receives a sudden and unexpected journey. The hero is usually reluctant and has no choice but to go on the adventure. Along the way, the hero's mental or physical strength and stamina are tested but receives help from mentors. After an ultimate battle in which the hero is triumphant, the hero or heroine returns home with a gift or treasure that benefits himself/herself and humanity.



Stage 1 – The Separation

Call to Adventure – The Hero encounters a situation where they must face the beginnings of change.

Stage 4 – The Return

Reward or gift – The Hero gains a treasure (object or knowledge) that has the power to benefit himself or others.

Regular World

The Unknown

Stage 2 – The Departure

Mentor(s) – Friends (could also be supernatural) who come along side the Hero and gives him training, equipment, or advice that will help on the journey.

Stage 3 – The Transformation

Turning Point – A change in the Hero that could be physical, mental, emotional, etc.

Obstacle(s) – Difficulties and problems that come along the way.

www.encouragingliteracy.com