The Hero and the Quest Notes (pg 25-27)

**Monomyth** (one story)—archetypal heroic quest

**Mythic Hero**

* Remarkable birth
* May possess superhuman physical or mental abilities
* Often has a character flaw (hubris)

**Call to adventure/action**

**The QUEST**

* Journey in search of a person, object of great value, or abstract idea
* Obstacles/temptations along the way
* Hero is assisted by mentors/guides
* Descent into darkness and/or underworld (rock bottom)
* If hero survives
  + Return to society with renewed passion, new knowledge or insight, greater compassion/understanding
  + May be offered a reward (title, marriage, etc)

**Characterization**

**Direct**  **Indirect**

Author DIRECTLY tells reader Author IMPLIES character traits:

what a character is like -- appearance

-- dialogue

-- thoughts and feelings

-- relationships

Theseus (29-33) Fill in with details from text