

Archetypes Research Paper

Essay Prompt

Directions: Write a Report of Information research paper which explores **one archetype** as it is depicted in several different cultures and types of media. Describe the archetype in detail and use specific quotes and information from at least **five sources**. Use at least three works of literature, one movie, and one myth, legend, or religious story.

Specific Instructions: Minimum three pages typed, double-spaced, 12-point normal font, 1-inch margins; include a title, introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion; include MLA citations within the body of the essay and a Works Cited page at the end.

Some Works That Employ Archetypes:

Star Wars
The Sword in the Stone
The Lion King
Excalibur
The Wizard of Oz
Star Trek
The 13th Warrior
Shrek

The Karate Kid
The Hobbit
The Lord of the Rings
Beauty and the Beast
Snow White
Robin Hood
Sleeping Beauty
The Grinch

The Bible
The Talmud
The Koran
Hamilton's Mythology
Oedipus the King
The Odyssey
The Iliad
Beowulf

Archetypes:

Heroes

The Young Man from the Provinces
 The Initiates
 Mentors
 Father-Son Conflict
 Hunting Group of Companions
 Friendly Beast
 Devil Figure
 Evil Figure with the Ultimately Good Heart
 Scapegoat
 Outcast

Woman Figures

Earthmother
 The Temptress

The Platonic Ideal
 The Unfaithful Wife
 The Damsel in Distress
 Star-Crossed Lovers
 The Creature of Nightmare

The Monomyth

The Fall
 Death and Rebirth
 Nature vs. the Mechanistic World
 Battle Between Good and Evil
 The Unhealable Wound
 The Ritual
 The Magic Weapon

Symbolic Theme Archetypes

Light vs. Darkness
 Water vs. Desert
 Heaven vs. Hell
 Innate Wisdom vs. Educated Stupidity
 Haven vs. Wilderness
 Supernatural
 Intervention
 Fire vs. Ice
 Situations
 The Quest
 The Task
 The Initiation
 The Journey

Content

Introduction

Hook, connector, and thesis statement related to the archetype

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Archetypes for comparison

Identify at least five; describe in detail and give background information

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Evidence

Quotes, symbols, and/or events from sources illustrating archetype's existence

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MLA Citations

Cite page and author last name in correct format: "... (Hamilton 57).

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Works Cited Page

Alphabetize; Use correct punctuation; Use correct indents and formatting

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___/100 **Content**

Grammar/Mechanics/Spelling/Follows Directions

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___/100 **Grammar**