Hero Paper Rubric Explanation

**Introduction**

A successful introduction should grab the attention of the reader, should give a brief (one that can be elaborated on later) summary of the heroes’ deeds, and should introduce the subject of the “hero.” The conclusion should provide a “roadmap” for the rest of the paper… a guiding thought for the rest of the paper, addressing the idea of what a hero is.

**Comparison of “Hero” definitions**

A successful comparison here will 1) provide both definitions 2) Fully examine the positive and negative aspects of each definition and 3) Argue whether one definition is “better” than the other and provide an explanation for WHY

**Hero Analysis**

This is going to be the bulk of your paper. This portion of the paper should 1) provide a sufficient background of the two heroes being examined (this should probably include a brief description of the society that created them) 2) address the “heroism” of each hero being examined as defined by BOTH ancient and modern culture.

**Societal Influences**

For this portion of the paper to be successful, it must be clear that the paper’s writer is thinking for him/herself. He/she must look into the societal values reflected by the multiple definitions of “hero” and analyze what these values may teach us about society.

**Conclusion**

A successful conclusion will should pull together the rest of the paper. It should reflect on what has been discussed and draw conclusions about the nature of a “hero.” A fully successful conclusion will also suggest other possible areas of research related to the paper.

**Works Cited**

It is important to properly document the sources from which you obtain ideas that are not your own. You must provide a “works cited” page in proper MLA format (and no, this does not count as one of your 3-5 pages). You will also need to use in text citations. We will go over the proper formatting for this in class.

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To understand the grades you receive on the rubric, please reference the “Rubric Explanation” hand out. Remember…simply providing all of the required material is only enough – sufficient-- it will not earn you an “excellent grade.” To earn highest marks, you need to wow me with your thinking and writing abilities!

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Definitions

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Analysis

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