

Name: _____

Joseph Campbell and the Heroic Cycle

🍏 Read the article found at this Website: <http://www.skepticfiles.org/atheist2/hero.htm>

🍏 Answer the following questions:

1. What did **Joseph Campbell** “discover”? Sum up his theory of the “Monomyth” or “Hero Cycle.”

2. What is an **archetype**? Give some examples of archetypes.

Below are the stages of the heroic cycle. In the first column, briefly describe what happens during that stage. In the second column, give an example of that stage from a movie or book. In the third column, describe how that stage appears in Odysseus’s journeys.

What happens	Example (general)	Stage for Odysseus
1. Hero is introduced in his ordinary world		
2. Call to adventure		
3. Hero is reluctant		
4. Hero is encouraged/helped by guide		
5. Hero passes the 1 st threshold		

6. Hero encounters tests and helpers		
7. Hero reaches the innermost cave		
8. Hero endures supreme ordeal		
9. Hero seizes the sword		
10. The road back		
11. Resurrection		
12. Return with the elixir		