



Year 7 – AP/Discovery – Knowledge Organiser Summer Term – Heroes and Villains

How do we know a character is a hero?

a “hero” is defined as a character(s) who prevails in extreme circumstances and dramatizes a sense of morality, courage and purpose. Though they may be ambiguous or flawed, they often sacrifice themselves to show humanity at its best.

How do we know a character is a villain?

a “villain” is defined as a character(s) whose wickedness of mind, selfishness of character and will to power are sometimes masked by beauty and nobility, while others may rage unmasked. They can be horribly evil or grandiosely funny, but are ultimately tragic

To do:
Research modern day heroes and villains.
What are they known for?
What did they do?
Define the characteristics that make the a hero or a villain.
Could they change from villain to hero, if so, how?

Key words:
magnificent
malevolent nemesis
paranoid mighty
quaint ominous
virtuous wretched
villainous kind
thoughtless
thoughtful hateful

Once you have looked these words up in a dictionary, use them to describe a hero or a villain.

Hero or villain?
Use the ideas in the boxes below to write a description of a hero or villain.

The Hero

- Physically strong
- Good looking
- Young(ish)
- Works with limited help –a buddy and the heroine.
- Has limited weapons.
- Quick thinking.
- Chivalrous.
- Trustworthy.
- Follow a code that preaches loyalty, honour, duty, selflessness and spirituality. This guides their mission or quest.

The Villain

- Sometimes physically weaker and needs more weapons and back up.
- Not as good looking (often scarred).
- Often older.
- Disloyal.
- Selfish.
- Greedy.
- Creates suffering by causing war.
- Shares the same quest as hero, such as trying to obtain a valuable artefact, but out of greed or desire for power.