

Group Discussion

Small Group Discussion Questions

- What constitutes a hero?
- What qualities do certain heroes have that make them exceptional?
- When have we seen a situation give rise to an unconventional hero or heroine?
- Do all heroes have something in common about their appearance?
- What are some of the lessons that heroes can teach us?
- What differences exist among cultures with regard to their concept of heroes?
- How can we compose an imaginative way to present our definition to the class (i.e., acting, monologues, visual aids)?

Depictions of Heroes

- What is the theme depicted in this work?
- Can you identify a heroic deed or character in this work of art?
- What terms would you use to identify specific aspects of the work that illustrate heroic qualities of the subject?
- In what manner is the portrayal (medium/style) suitable to the hero illustrated?
- What characteristics does this hero display?
- Why do artists depict heroes?
- What aspects of this hero are specific to the culture from which it comes? Would people all over the world agree that this is a hero? Why or why not?

Developing something like this (or getting the rights to this one) would be excellent:

<http://www.wvec.k12.in.us/harrison/jkruse/English%209/ENG9%20Epic%20Heroes%20vs%20Modern%20Heroes%20worksheet.pdf>