Mr. Valentine’s 10th Grade English Class – Project 1 – Epic Hero Presentation

The epic hero is an archetype found throughout world literature and culture. In our first unit, we’ve looked at various figures that fit the bill: Gilgamesh, Anansi, and Scheherazade. There are many other heroes from those regions and from the many other regions of the world. As such, for your first project, we’re going to explore some of those epic heroes from around the world.

For this project, you may work alone or with **one partner only**.

Below, I’ve provided a list of as many heroes as I could find (mostly epic heroes, some folk heroes, some romance heroes, some tragic heroes). This is likely not an exhaustive list. If you find a hero from ancient times to **before** modern times (basically, before the 20th century) that is not on this list that you would rather do, please run it by me first for approval. As there are not a great abundance of stories with female epic heroes (female heroes became more prevalent in later eras), I have italicized the names of the ones I did find to help you find them on the list more easily. If you know of any others I should add to this list, please let me know.

**Africa and the Middle East**

Gilgamesh

Sundiata

Anansi

Rostam

*Shahrazad / Scheherazade*

*St Margaret of Antioch*

**Asia**

Rama

Sun Wukong

Arjuna

Yamato Takeru

Susa-no-o

**British Isles**

Cuchulain

Beowulf

Arthur

Robin Hood

Pwyll

Fionn Mac Cumhaill

Lancelot

Gawain

William Wallace

Redcrosse

Perceval

Galahad

**The Mediterranean**

Odysseus

Achilles

Aeneas

Jason

Hercules

Perseus

Theseus

Prometheus

Leonidas

Dante Alighieri

El Cid

Roland

Orlando

*Joan of Arc*

**Scandinavia**

Grettir

Sigurd / Siegfried

Vainamoinen

Ilmarinen

Lemminkainen

For this assignment, you will want to create a googleslides presentation based on one of these heroes. You must include the following:

1. A title slide with your hero and your full name(s).

2. When and where they lived

3. Whether or not they were fictional characters (or perhaps if it is still up for debate)

4. What books / stories they were depicted in

5. What they stood for / what their values or virtues were

6. What some of their exceptional powers / abilities?

7. What were some of their accomplishments?

8. Make it pretty – include at least two pictures.

9. A Works Cited page / slide for all of your information

**This project must be submitted / shared with** [**lennyvalentine@wcps.org**](mailto:lennyvalentine@wcps.org) **by google drive on or by the following due date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**