

Writing Assignment: Heroes

Assignment:

Write a 1-2 page discussion in which you use one of the Greek heroes we have encountered this semester, to reflect on and illuminate aspects of your own life experience, or the experience or perceived experience of a public figure, or of another figure or set of events that have importance in your life.

Goal:

To use the experiences and wisdom of ancient heroes to bring perspective on modern situations; to use ancient myth in a personal and reflective way.

What your essay should include: A firm grounding in the issues and themes surrounding a hero's life or essence, or part of the life.

What you might do: This does not have to be a direct comparison, but should incorporate motifs, ideas, themes, and moral outcomes. In other words, the comparison does not have to focus on specific correlations (e.g. "Heracles did X, which equals Y in my life,") It is fuzzier: (e.g. "when X hero experiences xyz events, showing xyz, these themes appeared/it casts light on these experiences of xyz situation or event in the modern world/my life/someone else's experience.") There is a lot of leeway.

What you should include, subtly mixed in, is enough specific references and commentary on important issues to let me know that you have a thorough knowledge of the material and ideas of the course.