Eng IV: Hero Analysis

Writing Task:

You will complete this part on a sheet of paper in your READING section. IF you choose to type it, it is up to you to print it to have a hard copy to reference in class and show for a grade.

\*Title your paper with your LastName\_Hero Analysis Brainstorm. Number and answer the following questions:

1. In what ways to heroes exist today and what is their impact on society (good and bad)?
2. Do modern heroes share qualities embodied by the archetypal hero Beowulf and/or Gilgamesh?
3. Go to <https://www.cnn.com/specials/cnn-heroes> and <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/heroesvillains/default.htm>

(posted on Weebly) and check out AT LEAST 5 modern heroes.

1. Write down each name and THREE qualities that make that person a hero. Do this in outline format with bullet points.

What you are working towards for your final product:

* Pick one fictional and one non-fictional “hero” and consider the traits, contributions, and journeys of each.
* **The big question: Are heroes necessary, timeless, and “good”? How does a hero derive from and then affect the society in which he/she lives? After reading *Beowulf* and “Gilgamesh” and analyzing modern heroes, write an essay that compares a modern fictional or nonfiction hero to Beowulf and argues for or against the necessity of heroes throughout time.**
* **Develop a thesis and support it with facts from your hero’s life and contribution to history.**

***\*You can consider the idea of the anti-hero/villain in your research and support as well.***

Requirement BEFORE you begin your formal essay:

1. On your same sheet of paper (Hero Analysis Brainstorm), complete the following for the two characters you will use in your essay (this should be done in OUTLINE form):

* Name of Nonfiction (i.e. REAL life) Person
  + Culture / Country of origin
  + Heroic Characteristics:
  + Heroic Journey (What has your hero done)?:
* Fictional Person (Beowulf or Gilgamesh)
  + Culture / Country of origin
  + Heroic Characteristics:
  + Heroic Journey (What has your hero done)?:

Now, you are ready to begin writing your essay.

**Essay Requirements:**

* Must be typed in MLA format with 1” margins
* Must contain a thesis (in bold)
* Must be edited for formal conventions
* Must contain support with examples from *Beowulf* and your selected hero’s life
* Submit via Turnitin.com AND on Canvas
* Length: 2 pages, double spaced