

## Writing Prompt: Connecting the Hero's Journey to Text: Spider-Man

You have studied the Hero's Journey and analyzed the 2002 film, Spider-Man, directed by Sam Raimi . With a deepened understanding, you are now ready to write a multi-paragraph analysis where you make a thesis/claim (topic + your opinion) about the main character in the film and whether or not you would consider him a hero.



As you write your analysis, refer to at least three different steps in the Hero's Journey, including the definition, your paraphrased meaning, and specific textual evidence. Use your most recent chart of definitions and examples as a resource.

Drafting:

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1. Introduce your analysis by providing a **hook**, **context**, and a **thesis** (your ideas should move from general to specific). One way to draw your reader into the essay is to use a quotation related to the concept of heroism – perhaps a quotation from the film. One way to provide context is to discuss your idea of heroism and how it fits with the idea of a hero's journey. (The two CPR activities created writing that would work well for an introductory paragraph.)

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2. Use at least 3 different steps in the Hero's Journey to help you analyze Peter Parker's journey and heroism. Create one body paragraph for each separate step. Take time to define the step, paraphrase, and site textual evidence (the specific details, actions, and dialog from the movie) to explain that particular step in Spider-Man's journey. These paragraphs will be the "meat" of this essay.

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3. Finally, draft a conclusion that leaves the reader with a final impression about your definitions and analysis. The conclusion of an analysis often ends by focusing on the question: "So what?" It encourages the reader to accept your analysis and deepens their understanding of the two concepts you are comparing – in this case: the hero's journey and the story of Peter Parker.

*You may use the back of this assignment page for planning and organizing your ideas and paragraphs. But write you essay on notebook paper.*