

Connecting the Hero's Journey with a Text: Spider-Man

In Ms. Durham's example, notice each part of the introduction and the first body paragraph.

I: Introduction includes a **HOOK**, **CONTEXT**, **THESIS/CLAIM** and **cites references** (i.e. titles, authors, directors, dates).

"**With great power comes great responsibility.**" This quote from the **2002 film, Spider-Man, directed by Sam Raimi,** represents the wisdom gained by the main character, Peter Parker. Not only is Peter Parker the main character, but one could argue that he is a hero traveling **Joseph Campbell's "Hero's Journey."** In this essay I will prove Parker's heroism by comparing his story with three steps in the Hero's Journey.

B1: Each body paragraph **defines one step** of the Hero's Journey (exact quote, paraphrase, or both), **cites your source of information,** and connects the step to the text by providing **textual evidence.**

To begin with, **a hero begins his journey when something happens that changes the course of his life. According to Springboard, this step is called the Call to Adventure and is defined as: "The future hero is first given notice that his or her life is going to change."** It doesn't matter if the hero is aware of that moment for not. For instance, **Peter Parker didn't have a clue. He was on a school field trip, when one of the radioactive spiders, that had escaped its cage, dropped down a strand of web and bit him. Peter felt the sting, but the spider dropped to the floor and crawled out of sight before Peter realized what happened.** This bite began a change in Peter that would send him on the Hero's Journey.