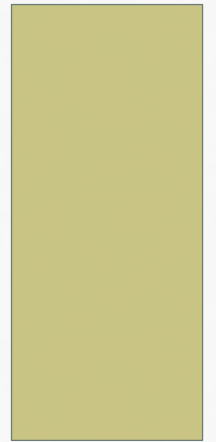


# LITERARY HEROES

MYTHOLOGY



# EPIC POEM

- A long, narrative poem that recounts the adventures of a hero who embodies the highest traits of a nation or people.



# TYPES OF HEROES

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- **Classical Hero:** In mythology, a mighty warrior who is often the son of a god or king and who goes on an epic quest
- **Modern Hero:** in today's literature & film, the main character of a story who often displays admirable qualities



- **Anti-Hero:** the main character of a story who is flawed in some way & often does not display admirable qualities

# TYPES OF HEROES

- **Tragic Hero:** the main character of a tragedy whose tragic flaw leads to his/her own destruction
- **Byronic Hero:** a rebellious main character who has a troubled past and indulges in self-destructive behaviors that threaten to doom him/her
- *Who are some examples of each of these different types of heroes from literature, tv, or film?*



# GREEK CONCEPT OF *DUTY*

- **Aidos:**  
Responsibility to and for humanity, nature, etc.
- **Oikos:**  
Responsibility to and for your own household
- **Kudos:**  
Duty to attain individual glory
  - Finding a path to **IMMORTALITY** through **FAME & GLORY** (*so that you are remembered by future generations*)

# HERACLES (*HERCULES*)

## “ANCIENT GREECE’S GREATEST HERO”

- ***The Ten (Twelve) Labors of Hercules:***

1. Kill the Nemean Lion
2. \*Kill the Lernaean Hydra (∅ disqualified—got help from his nephew Iolos)
3. Capture Artemis’s Golden Hind (female deer)
4. Capture the Erymanthian Boar
5. \*Clean the Augean Stables (∅ disqualified—tried to get paid for it)
6. Get rid of the Stymphalian Birds
7. Fetch the Cretan Bull
8. Capture the Mares of Diomedes (*of Thrace*)
9. Fetch the Girdle of Hippolyta (*Amazonian Queen*)
10. Fetch the Cattle of Geryon
11. Fetch the Golden Apples of the Hesperides
12. Fetch & Return Cerberus (Guard Dog of the Underworld)