

Argumentative Essay: "Who Is More Heroic?"

Write an argumentative essay which answers the following question: "Who is More Heroic in *The Odyssey*: Odysseus or Penelope?"

Be sure to cite evidence from the text to support your viewpoint, as well as address at least one counter argument. Your essay should demonstrate a thoughtful reflection on the book and follow the mechanics of proper essay form.

Pre-Writing Activities:

How is Odysseus heroic?

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How is Penelope heroic?

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Who is the MOST heroic? Explain why.

Sample Outline

Introduction:

- Give the title, author and a brief summary of the plot of "The Odyssey".
- Explain possible counterarguments... Explain why some people might say that the other character is most heroic. List the heroic accomplishments of the character you DID NOT choose briefly.
- Thesis: Even though _____ is a hero in this story, _____ is the most heroic character in the story.

Body:

Topic Sentence: The first reason that _____ is most heroic is because _____.

-Explain with examples your first reason why your chosen character is most heroic.

Topic Sentence: The second reason that _____ is most heroic is because _____.

-Explain with examples your second reason why your chosen character is most heroic.

Topic Sentence: The third reason that _____ is most heroic is because _____.

-Explain with examples your third reason why your chosen character is most heroic.

Conclusion:

Explain what you learned from this character that you can apply to your life.