

Mrs. Murfitt  
Senior English  
Literary Analysis Essay  
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**Prompt:**

Thus far, we have covered two British works from different time periods: *Beowulf* from the Anglo-Saxon period, and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* from the Medieval period. Using your knowledge of the poems themselves, as well as information from lectures and class discussions, compare and contrast the ways in which Beowulf and Sir Gawain represent the hero archetype. Use specific examples from the text to support your ideas.

**ar·che·type /**ärkətĭp/**noun**

1. a very typical example of a certain person or thing.  
"the book is a perfect archetype of the genre"

**Expectations:**

Essays will be 3-4 typed pages in length, double spaced using 12pt font, heading, *in-text citations* and formatting should be in the MLA style.

**Getting Started:**

Your first step in essay-writing should be identifying the *traits* that you feel best represent the hero archetype. These traits can be taken from those you covered on your chart and venn diagram comparing the two heros, and/or they can be taken from your own personal opinions on what makes a hero. Once you have decided on the elements that make a hero, use the text to support your ideas using **direct quotes** (with page numbers) and **specific events** (textual evidence). Here is a video to help you classify heroes: <https://goo.gl/UxcKhU>.

**Dates to Remember:**

You will have **four** class periods to work on this essay:

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-Date #1 (TBD):  
-Date #2 (TBD):

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Due Dates will be spread out:

- TBD: Brainstorming/Outline due (shared with me in Google Classroom)
- TBD: Rough draft ready for peer editing
- TBD: FINAL DRAFT DUE BY 11:59 PM (turned into Google Classroom)**

\*all dates and times are subjected to change.