

Heroes Across Cultures



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Culture #1: Christianity

Story: Moses

- Escaped death as a baby but is spared by the King's daughter and raised as royalty
- Traumatic events force him to leave his adopted family
- Moses is called upon by God to lead the Israelites to their freedom

Interpretation: Moses is chosen by God to instill hope and determination in his people and to free them from being slaves.



Culture #2: Greek Mythology

Story: Achilles

- Son of Peleus and Thetis
- Was bathed in the river Styx making him only vulnerable at the heel
- Fought in the trojan war

Interpretation: Achilles was forced to live in the shadow of the prophecies regarding him and his mother. While he was still vulnerable, Achilles was still able to overcome his challenges and became a historical part of the trojan war



Culture #3: Modern Day

Story: batman

- Parents are murdered and Batman is adopted by the butler
- He leaves home to pursue the beginnings of his road as a hero
- Becomes the protector of Gotham city

Interpretation: Batman had to undergo a series of trials such as the death of his parents at such a young age. After struggling he finally found his way to being the hero and protector of the city.



Connecting Cultures

After researching many cultures, I have found that the hero archetype is the most common throughout. I chose to focus on the heroes because it seems that these stories give the most hope to society. Even from the bible story of Moses from thousands of years ago, the underlying message was that Moses was able to lift up thousands of people from the ground. The same goes for the story of Achilles as he saved thousands after winning the Trojan war. It can even be seen in modern society, not just with Batman but almost every story told. There is a hero that saves the day and essentially saves humanity from its own demise.