An Epic Hero Essay Topic

An epic hero is a character that possesses courage, strength, and a desire to achieve immortality through heroic actions. After reading Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, write an essay showing how Sir Gawain exemplifies these qualities and explain why he can be considered an epic hero. Make sure to include specific details and examples to support your claim.

Remember, your essay will be scored based on how well you develop a multi-paragraph response to the assigned topic that clearly communicates your thesis/controlling idea to the audience; support your thesis with meaningful examples and references from the text/source, carefully citing any direct quotes; organize your essay in a clear and logical manner, including an introduction, body, and conclusion; use transitional strategies to connect your ideas, sentences, and paragraphs; use well-structured sentences and appropriate language for your audience; edit your work to conform to the conventions of standard American English.

Requirements

On the front or back of this paper, you need to brainstorm ways in which Sir Gawain is an epic hero. Make notes on page numbers, paragraphs and lines that back up these claims. After you finish brainstorming, you need to write a rough draft on paper. Once your teacher sees your rough draft, you may type your final draft which must be submitted via Google Classroom or MyAccess.com. This paper needs to be completed in class on Thursday and Friday.

Helpful Hints

In your introductory paragraph, you should talk about epic heroes in general. Define what a hero means to you. What are some other famous heroes? In your last sentence, you can write your thesis where you state that after reading this story, Sir Gawain is a great example of an epic hero.

In your body paragraphs (2 or 3) discuss in which ways Sir Gawain is an epic hero. Use textual evidence (this means go back to the story and find examples of Sir Gawain being a hero). Then, explain why this evidence in the story makes you think of Sir Gawain as a hero.

In your conclusion, restate your thesis and explain in a sentence or two why Sir Gawain is an epic hero. Try to come up with a strong concluding sentence where you maybe mention how people today can be a hero by following the path that Sir Gawain started.
Brainstorm This Topic