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The Heroic Quest

“Thor and Loki in Giantland” from the *Prose Edda*

Directions: Complete the chart below by applying the stages of the heroic quest archetype to another popular film or book which you know well.

Stage in the Hero’s Journey	Story Component
<p><i>Birth</i> Establishes the hero’s background.</p>	
<p><i>Call to Adventure</i> Hero is called to adventure by some external event or messenger.</p>	
<p><i>Mentor/Amulet</i> Hero receives aid from a protective figure; usually receives a weapon for the journey.</p>	
<p><i>Crossing the Threshold</i> Hero undergoes some sort of ordeal to pass from the everyday world into the world of adventure.</p>	
<p><i>Tests</i> Hero undergoes a series of tests or violent encounters. Each successful test further proves the hero’s abilities and advances the journey toward its climax.</p>	
<p><i>Helpers</i> Hero is often accompanied on the journey by a helper who assists in the series of tests and generally serves as a loyal companion.</p>	

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<p><i>Climax/Final Battle</i></p> <p>The critical moment in the hero's journey in which there is often a final battle which facilitates the particular resolution of the adventure.</p>	
<p><i>Flight</i></p> <p>The hero must return to the threshold of adventure and prepare for a return to the everyday world.</p>	
<p><i>Return</i></p> <p>Hero again crosses the threshold of adventure and returns to the everyday world of daylight.</p>	
<p><i>Elixir</i></p> <p>Object, knowledge, or blessing that the hero acquired during the adventure is now put to use in the everyday world.</p>	
<p><i>Home</i></p> <p>The affect the hero has on his community after returning from his quest.</p>	