**Superhero Project:**

**First handout – Create Your Own Superhero**

We have been talking in class about the epic and the epic hero. The ancient Greeks, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, and many other cultures enjoyed stories (told in epic form) about characters with superhuman strength and powers. In today’s society, we are no different. We have superhuman heroes such as Superman, Wonderwoman, Spiderman, and the X-Men (to name only a few). Throughout history, people have had myths, superheroes, and villains. We are certainly no exception.

**Part One:** Dream up and imaginatively create your own superhero. Keeping your reader interested, answer the following questions about your superhero:

1. Is your superhero male or female? What is his/her name? Does your character have a secret identity like Batman or Spiderman? Or…do people know your character’s identity?
2. Describe the special powers your superhero has and how your superhero came to possess his/her superpowers.
3. Describe how your superhero looks: height, eyes, hair, weight, facial features, costume, etc.
4. Does your superhero have any human weaknesses? Explain.
5. Create a villain for your superhero. Describe the villain’s profile.
6. What are the conflicts between your superhero and the villain?

**Part Two:** Create an epic tale for your hero and explain the following:

1. What evil trick does the villain try to perform?
2. How does your superhero finally defeat the villain?
3. What lessons are learned from your epic?

**You will present your project to the class. You will be given time to work on your project in a computer lab. \*\*We will be in a computer lab for 3 days! You must create a hero, a villain, and your epic tale during the 3 days. Anything that is not complete at the end of our 3 days in the computer lab, you will be responsible for on your own time. I will not give students time to go to the computer lab during class time. DO NOT ASK!**

Your project must include:

* Description and visual of your superhero (powers, weaknesses, identity, looks)
* Description and visual of your villain (powers, weaknesses, identity, looks)
* Explanation of the conflict/history between your superhero and villain
* The trick the villain performs and the battle of good vs. evil
* The lesson or moral learned through your epic story!!!!!!!!!!

**Second Handout – Superhero’s Profile:**  
Name:

Male/Female:

Secret Identity? Yes or No – If yes, what is it?

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Costume/Appearance:

Superpower(s):

How did your superhero obtain his/her powers?

Human Weakness? (Superman’s weakness was Kryptonite) Explain what it is and why he/she has that particular weakness.

**Villain’s Profile:**

Name:

Male/Female:

Secret Identity? Yes or No – If yes, what is it?

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Costume/Appearance:

Evil Power(s):

How did he/she get the evil powers?

Human Weakness? Explain what it is and why he/she has that particular weakness.

* What are the conflicts between your superhero and the villain?
* What evil trick does the villain try to perform?
* How does your superhero finally defeat the villain?
* What lessons are learned from your epic?

**Special Instructions to assist you in your computer part of the project:**

**Website:**

[HeroMachine Character Portrait Creator | Create your own ...](http://www.heromachine.com/)

www.**heromachine**.com/

Build a character online. Using Macromedia's Flash program, the **HeroMachine** lets you control all visual aspects of your character, from capes and boots to ...

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**Click on HeroMachine 2.5:**

* Once you choose a pose, click complete for all options to load
* Click where you see the word “Hair” and you will see all the features available to you.
* Once you have created your hero or villain, you can print it in black and white (and color it yourself) or you can save it and email it to me. I will print it in color for you.

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**Have to save your hero and villain:**

* When you are reading to save your creation, click the save button
* You will see a box of inscription
* Right click and copy the inscription. Paste it onto a word document and save it.
* Save the word document as whatever you have created. For example: I have finished my hero creation. I now want to save it. I would save it as “Rice-hero” and when I finish my villain, I would save it as “Rice-villain” so that I know what I have when I go back to that document.
* Once you have saved the document, email it to me so that I can print it in color for you. If you want to print it at home (email it to yourself) or if you want it printed in black and white, you do not have to save it or email it to anyone. Only email it to me if you want it printed in color.

**NOTES OF WARNING!!!**

1) It is easy to get carried away on heromachine website. Keep in mind that you only have three days in the computer lab and that you have to type up your epic tale. Try to create your hero and villain in the first (or first and second) days. Reserve the third day for typing your tale. You CANNOT wait until the third day to decide how your tale will unfold! You must think about the story prior to the third day in the computer lab so that getting your story on paper is your only concern.

2) I suggest that you start writing your epic tale on paper (at home) before the third day in the computer lab. Different classes will have different length requirements. I will tell you the required length in class.

3) If you spend too much time working on the creations of your hero and villain, you will have to type your epic tale on your own time. I WILL NOT allow students to leave class to type stories or to create characters.