

The Evolution of a Hero

1. Proper Noun
2. Proper Noun
3. Adjective - Ends In Est
4. Adjective
5. Noun
6. Verb - Past Tense
7. Noun
8. Adjective
9. Adjective
10. Noun
11. Proper Noun
12. Verb - Base Form
13. Adjective
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17. Verb - Present Ends In Ing
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Outline of "The Evolution of a Hero"

Topic: This article traces Theseus as the ultimate Greek hero and gains insights into the ideals of Athenians through their historical adoration of Theseus.

In The _____ Proper Noun Theseus is praised by _____ Proper Noun as "one of the group of _____ Adjective -
_____ Ends in EST men who ever lived on the earth who fought against the _____ Adjective tribes of the
_____ Noun and completely _____ Verb - Past Tense them." (163). Many other writers tell tales of Theseus'
successes: he was courageous in _____ Noun and _____ Adjective to many ladies. This makes him "a typical
hero of the age of heroes" (163).

515 to 480 B.C.E.

During and after the time of Pisistratus, a Athenian tyrant who encouraged _____ Adjective contests and literary
efforts, Theseus was aligned more often with his _____ Noun and his love affairs were downplayed. In fact,
Theseus' image on vase-paintings reveal a change in his image. Theseus started to become almost as popular as
_____ Proper Noun. As such, he was depicted in many "exploits: against the Amazons and the Centaurs and the
various enemies that he overcame on his journey from Troezen to Athens" (165).

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Theseus started to _____ Verb - Base Form Hercules' superiority. Why? Because Theseus was a _____ Adjective _____ Proper Noun, and Hercules was not. Theseus also differed from Hercules and these differences were important to Greek culture. Theseus conquered enemies with " _____ Noun, using _____ Noun, and _____ Verb - Present ends in ING for well-defined, human purposes" (165). Thus, on vases he was depicted as a _____ Noun. In sculptures, he is represented with a " _____ Adjective and _____ Adjective " body and as a "gracious and cultured youth"--unlike Hercules, who was sculpted with a _____ Adjective body. Also, statues of Theseus crafted at this time were placed higher than those of Hercules.

Similarly, in story, Theseus claimed dominion. Athena--who used to sponsor Hercules--now hung out with Theseus, sending him favorable winds to help him return to _____ Proper Noun. Theseus' missions were also more noble: Theseus fought for _____ Noun and Hercules "labored for a tyrant" (166). Theseus was also depicted in relation to the sea, as the "son of Poseidon and master of the sea" (166).

In 470 B.C.E. Theseus grew in popularity again. Cimon brought Theseus' _____ Noun back from Scyros and had them buried in the heart of the city. Theseus also appeared in more paintings, sculptures--including on the Parthenon. And--although the vase painters of this time weren't focused on mythological scenes much, they continued to _____ Verb - Base Form Theseus on their wares. Additionally, drama became a key record of history at this time, and Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides all included Theseus as an important role in their plays. In

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Suppliant Woman Theseus he praises order in Greek life and responses that are calm, "not giving way to wrath" (168). In these plays he is only shown _____ Verb - Present ends in ING his _____ Noun once when reacting to a note accusing his son of a monstrous crime, but he recovers. In the same play, he also exposes _____ Noun and fights for _____ Adjective rights for all.

Although many vase painters, depicted Theseus as a _____ Adjective adventurer, more and more started to depict him as an _____ Noun who endures punishment in Hades or greets Hercules as an older man. In this elder role, Theseus remained a _____ Noun and _____ Noun and becomes "more sober, _____ Adjective, and _____ Adjective" and hero who "worked for more important causes and defended the _____ Adjective in a more responsible way" (168). He fought using _____ Noun and _____ Noun just brute strength.

Similarly, in the myth "Hercules" Theseus tells Hercules--who is mourning the death of his wife and children at his own hand--that he is "a friend in foul as well as fair weather" (169).

Finally, the Theseus' festival included distribution of provisions for the poor, and his tomb is--according to Plutarch--a place of "refuge for slaves all poor people who fear those who have more power" (170).