

THE MODERN EPIC

Standards covered:

SWBAT analyze how different literary forms are presented in modern media

SWBAT analyze the relevancy of classic literature to modern day life

Task:

Now that you've studied what an epic is and what its characteristics are, it's time to put the knowledge to use! Your job is to pick a modern epic, such as *Harry Potter*, *Star Wars*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Princess Bride*. Then complete all parts of the "Epic Cycle" chart for BOTH your chosen modern epic and *The Odyssey*. Make sure to use specific examples and evidence!

For example, if you're using *The Lord of the Rings* as your modern epic and filling out the portion of the chart that discusses "Hero Goes on a Long Journey," writing "Frodo goes on a long trip" would NOT be sufficient! Think about where he started, where are some of the most important places he goes, what obstacles does he face, and why does he go on the quest? Details are important!

Mastery (9-10 points)

- An appropriate modern epic was chosen
- Specific examples with sufficient details were given for each part of the chart

Proficiency (6-8 points)

- An appropriate modern epic was chosen
- Specific examples with sufficient details were given for most parts of the chart

Developing (3-5 points)

- An appropriate modern epic was chosen
- Specific examples with sufficient details were given for some parts of the chart

Beginning (0-2 points)

- An appropriate modern epic was not chosen
- Specific examples with sufficient details were missing from most parts of the chart