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| **Essential Question** | **Target** |
| 1. **What makes someone a hero?** 2. In order to be considered a hero, what types of conflicts does a character have to face? How does a hero respond to those conflicts? 3. What character traits enable a character to respond heroically to a conflict? 4. How does a character’s motivation make him/her more or less heroic? 5. How do flaws make a character more or less heroic? 6. How can I use quotes to effectively support my ideas? | 1. **I can explain and analyze what makes a character a hero, and cite evidence to support my analysis.** 2. I can identify the types of conflicts and responses to those conflicts that make a character a hero. 3. I can analyze what traits enable a character to respond heroically to a conflict. 4. I can explain how a character’s motivation can make him/her more or less heroic. 5. I can argue that flaws make a character more or less heroic, citing evidence to support my thinking. 6. I can use quotes from a text to support my ideas, introducing those quotes with context, citing them, and explaining their significance. |

**Adversity:**

* a difficult period in your life when you have many problems
* a difficult and unfortunate event.
* When a situation or circumstances work against you, you face adversity.

**Flaw:** a trait that makes someone or something less good, beautiful or perfect; a character’s weakness

**Overcome:** to solve a conflict, to successfully deal with a problem, to defeat someone or something

**Internal conflict:** a conflict that takes place within a character’s mind, a character’s inner struggle with his/her own needs, desires, emotions or decisions.

**External conflict:** a type of conflict where the character struggles against an outside force. For example, the character might struggle against an earthquake or another character.

**Motivation:** the forces that drive or move the character to do something or behave in a particular way, a character’s reason for doing something.