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## 20-Sentence Hero's Journey Challenge

Write exactly one sentence for each instruction below. When you're done, you'll have a complete hero's journey short story in 20 sentences.

### Stage 1: Departure

- 1) Introduce your hero in their ordinary world.
- 2) Give your hero a call to adventure—a problem, mystery, or quest.
- 3) Show your hero refusing the call (fear, doubt, or hesitation).
- 4) Add a mentor, guide, or event that convinces the hero to go.
- 5) Write the sentence where your hero crosses into the unknown world.



### Stage 2: Initiation

- 6) Create a trial or challenge that tests the hero's strength.
- 7) Write a second trial that tests the hero's intelligence or cleverness.
- 8) Write a third trial that tests the hero's heart or courage.
- 9) Introduce an ally who offers unconditional love, friendship, or loyalty.
- 10) Show how that love or support helps the hero overcome a major fear.
- 11) Describe the moment the hero reaches the ultimate boon (treasure, wisdom, or power).
- 12) Show how the boon transforms the hero's understanding of themselves.



### Stage 3: Return

- 13) Write a sentence where the hero refuses to return home.
- 14) Add a danger or chase that forces the hero to flee with the boon.
- 15) Write a sentence where the hero nearly fails in escaping.
- 16) Introduce someone who rescues or helps the hero return.
- 17) Write the sentence where the hero finally crosses back into their ordinary world.
- 18) Show how the hero is different now than when they left.
- 19) Write about how the hero shares the boon, wisdom, or gift with others.
- 20) End with a sentence that shows the lasting impact of the hero's journey.



