TRAGIC HERO

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| **Characteristics of a Tragic Hero** | **Specific Example/Explanation for character (Include page number)** |
| A character must have noble stature and greatness. He must also have a “high” status position and also be noble and virtuous |  |
| The tragic hero is *not* perfect. We should see within him someone essentially like us.  |  |
| The hero’s downfall is partially his fault. It is triggered by some error in judgment or personality flaw, which is generally, but not always, *hubris* (arrogant pride or over confidence). |  |
| The hero’s misfortune is not wholly deserved. The punishment outweighs the crime.  |  |
| The downfall leads to an increased awareness, a gain in self knowledge and self discovery. |  |