

LESSON OVERVIEW

NOTION : Myths and Heroes

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ISSUE : Are comic book superhero stories a modern American mythology?

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b - Some superhero stories can be considered part of the American mythology (Batman, Superman)

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