Creative Writing I Recap and HW

The Adventure Story

The Elements of an Adventure Story

Goal: To understand what makes an adventure story thrilling and how to map out the journey.

What is an Adventure?

An adventure story is built around an exciting journey where a hero must face challenges to achieve an important goal.

The Five Key Elements We Discussed:

Element	What It Is	Example (The Lion King's Journey)
1. The Hero/Protagonist	The main character who goes on the quest.	Simba
2. The Journey/Quest	A physical or emotional trip, often to a new or dangerous setting.	Fleeing the Pride Lands and living in the jungle.
3. The Goal/Mission	What the hero is trying to achieve.	Returning home to defeat Scar and take his rightful place.
4. Challenges/Obstacles	Things that make the journey difficult or dangerous.	Scar's betrayal, the stampede, the Hyenas.
5. High Stakes	Something important the hero could lose if they fail.	The fate of the Pride Lands and his family.

Key Takeaway: Every great adventure story is a map with a start, a finish (the goal), and lots of obstacles in the middle!

Homework Assignment: Mapping Your Own Adventure

Due Date: 11/9/2025 Goal: To apply the five adventure elements to your own creative story idea.

Part 1: The Adventure Idea Web

On a separate sheet of paper or in your notebook, create an Adventure Idea Web by following these steps:

Center: Draw a circle and write "My Adventure Story Idea" inside it.

Branches: Draw five clear branches coming out from the center circle.

Label: Label each branch with one of the five elements we discussed today:

Hero

Goal/Mission

Setting (Where the Journey Happens)

Challenges (List 2-3)

High Stakes (What is at risk?)

Fill in: Write your specific, creative ideas on each branch.

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