

Calling All Heroes!!! A Comic Book History Webquest

WebQuest Description: This webquest explores the history of comic books as an artistic and entertainment medium and garners interest in the great stories within.

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Introduction

If ever the world needed heroes, THAT TIME IS NOW!!!

The Earth has been invaded by twelve terrible supervillains seeking conquest of the human race and only you can stop them! You and your friends are the Earth's next greatest superheroes and only you can save us from these galactic terrors! But you will need help if you are to save the world from the terror of Darkseid and the hunger of Galactus!! You will need to delve into the wonderful world of comic books in order to form an alliance of heroes strong enough to fend of this army of evil!! There is little time! Prepare for the greatest adventure and save our world from destruction!! Excelsior!!!

Tasks

This webquest is designed for a class of 12 students.

The 12 invading villains include: The devourer of worlds, Galactus! (Marvel Comics) The dark god of Apokolips, Darkseid! (DC Comics)

 The foul devil, Malebolgia! (Image Comics)

 The Seven Gods of Chaos, the Ogru Jihad! (Dark Horse Comics)

 The leader of the Foot Clan, The Shredder! (Mirage Comics)

 The ruler of the Negation Universe, Charon! (Crossgen Comics)

From a post apocalyptic future, Judge Death! (2000 A.D.)

The sum of all evils, The Loc Nar! (Heavy Metal)

The high priest of madness, the Great Cthulu! (Weird Tales Magazine)

Leading an army of monsters and bad jokes, the Crypt Keeper! (E.C. Comics)

The planet destroying emperor, Freiza! (Weekly Shonen Jump Manga)

The goddess of vampires, Purgatori! (Chaos! Comics)

These 12 super villains will stop at nothing to conquer the Earth! You and your fellow heroes must form groups of 3 to defeat these terrible villains! You must also elicit help from other superheroes who you think are qualified to save the Earth! The only way to stop them is to research the comic book stories from which these villains originate, learn their weaknesses, and discover the best heroes for the job! There is not much time, true believer!! These villains may be tough, but remember, as long as at least one man stands against them, they can not possibly win! Now hurry! Adventure awaits!

Process

Each of you will be tasked with defeating 3 villains. You will divide into teams of 3 and research each villain learning their origins, their powers, and most importantly their weaknesses. Based off your research you will then select a suitable hero or teams of heroes that can defeat each villain. You must then write a four page paper stating your case why these 3 heroes or hero teams can defeat the 3 villains. In the paper you must include a brief description of the villains and heroes origins and powers, the villains weaknesses and your case as to why your chosen heroes can save us all from the villains.

Bonus points! For additional points transform yourself into a super hero! Write a page description of yourself as a super hero including your super hero name, a brief origin story, and your powers and abilities. 10 bonus points will be awarded per person per team with a maximum of 30 points for your group and not to mention the safety of the world! We need all the heroes we can get! Here are the groups and the villains they must combat: Group 1: Galactus, Darkseid, Malebolgia. Group 2: Ogru, Jahad, Shredder, Charon. Group 3: Judge Death, Loc Nar, Cthulu. Group 4: Crypt Keeper, Freiza, Purgatori. Here is a list of references that will aid you on your quest:

http://marvel.com/universe/Main_Page

http://dc.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page

http://imagecomics.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page

http://darkhorse.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page

<http://www.ninjaturtles.com/>

<http://wapedia.mobi/en/>

<http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/>

<http://www.search.com/>

<http://www.wikia.com/Wikia>

http://ec.wikia.com/wiki/EC_wiki

Your team will give a 5 minute presentation in class stating your findings. Be sure to cover who your villains are including their origins, powers, and weaknesses, your choices for heroes including their powers and origins, and a brief description of yourselves as heroes as well if chose to do that part of the assignment. When all the presentations are given, your class will vote as a group on who are the best heroes to defeat the 12 villains as the final step to form a crack team that can save the Earth

Evaluation

Grades will be evaluated by paper quality and the presentation. It is recommended that each student covers one villain and his opposing hero each. During the presentations it is recommended that each student present their chosen hero and villain as well as their original superheroes. If you wish to structure your presentation in a different way, it is allowed so long as the information is adequately presented. Creativity is encouraged! Note: Bonus points for original characters will be added on by the teacher as they apply.

Category and Score	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	Score
Structure	The paper is disorganized and difficult to read.	The paper has some structure and flow but needs improvement.	The paper has adequate structure.	The paper is well structure and flows from one point to the next easily.	25 max
Quality of Information	Paper contains little to no quality of information.	Paper has some information but there are numerous factual mistakes.	Paper contains adequate, well-supported information.	Paper contains excellent, well researched analysis of the subject matter.	25 max

Category and Score	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	Score
Grammar	Paper contains numerous spelling and grammar errors. Does not appear to have been properly edited.	Paper has several spelling and grammar errors that need to be corrected.	Spelling and grammar are adequate though there are one or two mistakes.	No spelling or grammatical errors.	25 max
Presentation	Presentation is poor, disorganized, and not taken seriously.	Presentation is awkward. There are some structural problems, poor eye contact, and speech volume but a decent attempt was made.	Presentation is adequate including decent volume, eye contact, and enthusiasm.	Presentation is excellent. Has excellent volume and eye contact. Information is presented in an entertaining and informative way.	25 max
				Total Score	100 max

Conclusion

Congratulations!! You have defeated the powerful supervillains and saved the Earth from their terrible schemes!! You and your crack team of heroes have had a grand adventure and have protected the innocent from utter annihilation! You have now delved into the wonderful world of comics! The author of this webquests hopes you have enjoyed your time on this project and now have a taste for the exciting stories and adventures found in the comic book medium. Comic books are an art form that have prospered over the past century and regarded as the great modern myths. They owe much to the classic literature of the past and have helped shaped our popular consciousness today. The author encourages you to indulge in comic books; read the classics and enjoy the new books that are being produced today. As always, continue to support the arts and immerse your imagination in the comic book worlds of heroic fantasy. The adventure awaits!

Teacher Page

I recommend this webquest for high school students and up. Though there are a lot of great comics out there for kids, a lot of the comics listed here may have some more adult themes and may not be appropriate for grade schoolers. 9th graders and up should be able to handle it. Though I did get into comics as a kid, a lot of the comics listed here can only truly be appreciated by a more mature mind.

Standards

Credits

Other