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| **Archetypes** | **Definition** | **Theme** | **Examples** |
| **Overcoming the monster** | A protagonist sets out to defeat an antagonistic force. | Destroy the evil force, and balance will be restored. | Beowolf, Red Riding Hood, Jaws, Dracula |
| **Rags to riches** | The hero acquires power, wealth and love, loses it all, then gains it back again. | A hero experiences growth only they fully understand that with power, wealth and love comes responsibility. | Jane Eyre, Gold Rush, Oliver Twist, Great Expectations, The Jerk |
| **The Quest** | A protagonist and companions set out to acquire an important object or reach the desired location and face temptations on the way. | Through strength of character, resisting temptation and working as a team, all odds can be overcome and victory assured. | The Illiad, Exodus, Moby Dick, Lord of the Rings, Raiders of the Lost Ark, King Solomon’s Mines |
| **Voyage and return** | The central character is thrust into a strange and alien world and must make their way back to everyday life. | Knowledge and experience gained from leaving the comfort zone ensure the ordinary world remains a place of harmony. | Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, The Odyssey, Orpheus & Eurydice |
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| **Comedy** | A character with a cheerful disposition and unique worldview solves a problem and creates a happy outcome. | Triumph over adverse conditions, the resolution of confusion. | Love’s Labour Lost, Comedy of Errors,  Le Bourgeois, The Big Lebowski, |
| **Tragedy** | A hero with a character flaw enters a situation whereby they overestimate their ability to complete a task. | There exist consequences for overreaching and egotism. | Icarus, Macbeth, Anna Karenina, Richard III, Romeo & Juliet, Oedipus Rex |
| **Rebirth** | A threatening shadow looms victorious until a sequence of events and a change in the protagonist lead to enlightenment. | Through a change in attitude comes redemption. | A Christmas Carol, Crime & Punishment, Beauty and the Beast, Groundhog Day |
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