English 1 Paper 1 topics

1. After reading the essays on the importance of fairy tales and heroes (particularly the role of hero in “In Our Midst,” consider whether modern Western society has misappropriated this term. Determine what you consider the role to hero to be and then select modern example(s) to support whether the term is used accurately today.

2. Write an essay in which you explain how the selections in this chapter, as well as any supplemental readings you might consider, have affected or confirmed your understanding of the importance of myth in our lives.

3. Select a fairy tale of your choice and trace important archetypes or lesson throughout the story. Consider the analyses of “Iron John” and “Sealskin, Soulskin” as examples.

4. What do fairy tales or myths tell us about love, particularly romantic love and/or male and/or female roles? Choose whatever aspect of the tales or myths you want to analyze. Be sure and do a close reading of whatever work you analyze and include a copy of it with your paper.