



Tragic Hero Lecture Notes

Characteristics of a tragic hero:

- ◆ **The tragic hero is a character who falls from a great height.**
- ◆ **The tragic hero has a tragic flaw which leads to his downfall. (The character is neither good nor bad.)**
- ◆ **Before the end of the story, the character recognizes his tragic flaw and accepts that he brought his fate upon himself. (In other words, the tragic hero takes responsibility for his actions and for the outcome of those actions.)**