7th Grade Summer Reading: The Hero’s Journey Chart

The Hero’s Journey is a great way to analyze stories, whether they are myths, legends, films, novels, short stories, or comic books. Using the hero’s journey chart will help a reader think about plot structure, character motivation, and the qualities that make a hero. Using this chart, break down Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone into the 9 stages of the hero’s journey.

1. **Unusual Birth**: The hero’s birth is surrounded by unusual circumstances.
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2. **The Call to Adventure**: The hero is called to leave home, and he/she willingly or unwillingly leaves.
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3. **Supernatural Helper**: The hero is aided by someone, often old and wise, with magical and mystical power.
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4. **Talisman or Special Weapon**: The hero has a weapon or protective device given to him/her that will be useful on the journey.

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5. **Crossing the Threshold**: The hero leaves the familiar, safe world of home and enters fully into the new world of the journey.

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6. **Trials**: The hero has to succeed a series of trials that challenge and build his/her moral strength and character.

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7. **Achievement of Goal**: Upon successful completion of the trials, the hero achieves the goal of the journey.

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8. **Reconciliation with Father-figure**: If a division or conflict with the hero's father or father-figure is part of the hero's journey, reconciliation or healing with the father occurs.

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9. **Return Home**: The hero sometimes willingly and sometimes unwillingly, again crosses the threshold and returns home.

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