

Classical Civilisation Summer Work

Heroism in the Ancient World

Please use the following link:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/classics/classical-play/past-productions/2021-homers-odyssey/2021-homers-odyssey-study-guide>

You will find a section titled 'Essays' on the page.

In this section will be an article titled 'Heroism in antiquity and modernity: from Achilles to Superman and from Odysseus to Batman' by Antony Makrinos.

Please read this essay and answer the following questions:

1. How is heroism often defined in the modern world?
2. How is heroism defined in the Homeric texts (*Odyssey* and *Iliad*)?
3. How was heroism different in the ancient world compared to our own times? Why was heroism promoted in Classical texts?

Additional, Optional Task

You will see that there are other essays and videos on this site. They are all delivered by expert Classicists.

Make notes on other essays and videos and I will mark them!