

CRAAP Activity

How Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven Recreates the Epic Hero's Journey (Joseph Campbell)

Contains a full review of the song's lyrics with an additional video (Part 2) of Jimmy Page describing how the song was penned and the music created/curated.

Ideal for class/online demonstration with commentary directly from the source. Art not only imitates art – but in this instance..... inspired it.

Currency – Published/Posted – May 29, 2019

Relevance – Exceedingly – targeted to the student's interests, appropriate level

Authority – Part 1 – Joseph Campbell – has famously written books on the subject of mythology. Reliable sourcing speaks to his reliance on Freudian psychoanalysis that may be deemed 'dated' by today's standards, but the scope and depth of analysis that he brings to bear on stories across many cultures and centuries is well documented and praised. Part 2 – Exceedingly – Jimmy Page – He wrote Stairway to Heaven and his personal commentary is included on the accompanying video.

Accuracy – Yes, direct from the source, the author/lyricist

Purpose – To reinforce the value of storytelling through many modalities including song. The power of lyric and music to tell a story, set a mood, transcend across various contexts.

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