Myths and Heroes (Mythes et héros)

1. Read the definitions carefully. What definitions does your document illustrate?

MYTH
a. an ancient story about gods, heroes, and magic.
   a. popular belief or tradition embodying the ideals and institutions of a society
   b. an unexplained or ideal realm
   c. a theme or character type embodying an idea

HERO
a. a mythological or legendary figure often endowed with great strength or ability
   b. a person admired for heroic achievements
   c. qualities and great courage
   d. a main character in a story or drama: work, an event, period, or movement
   e. an object of customs, admiration and devotion: icon / role model

Brainstorming
Here is a list of questions you can ask yourself about the notion. Read them carefully.

a. What category does the hero(ine) fall into? The document you studied belong to? He/she...
   - a legendary, mythical, medieval, modern, radical hero(ine)?
   - a popular and national hero(ine), a champion, pioneer, cowgirl, etc.?
   - a hero(ine) recognized by society because of his/her contribution; fireman/firewoman,
     a member of a rescue team, ...
   - a defender of common values such as the environment?
   - a sportsman/sportswoman who breaks records?
   - a relentless hero(ine), a comic superhero, a ninja, etc.?

b. What are the hero(ine)'s qualities?
   Does the hero(ine) embody courage, hope, generosity, etc.?

c. How are the hero(ine)'s qualities illustrated?

d. The hero(ine)'s role
   - Is he/she a role model?
   - What belief / tradition / ideals does he/she embody?
   - Is he/she used as a propaganda tool for a political or religious purpose?

e. What is an anti-hero?
   - If the character's behaviour does not correspond to an ideal (he/she is a coward or corrupt
     for example), he/she can be defined as an anti-hero(ine).

f. Which myths does your document relate you off?
   Turn to the following website for more information: www.mythencyclopedia.com

3. Build up your vocabulary

Using a separate sheet of paper, complete this word map during the year. Words referring
the notion.