Assignment 1 – Due Date is Monday March 2nd (section JMWB) or Tuesday March 3rd (section HTRC) – NO EXTENTIONS!

You will pick five definitions for “hero” from the Urban Dictionary (http://www.urbandictionary.com/) and argue whether Homer would agree based on his depiction of the ancient Greek warriors and gods in the Odyssey. You are expected to use Homer’s text to support your argument by citing lines from the epic. Stay away from plot summary. Try to base your argument on your own critical analysis of specific moments, relationships, characters’ stories and dialogues, their motives, as well as their hopes, fears and prayers to the gods. This should be a creative exercise as much as an analytical one. I want to know what you think. We will be discussing these very things as we work through the text together in class, and therefore if you do the reading, make notes and pay attention during our time together, this assignment should prove easier.

The work must be double-spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, and written according to the MLA writing guide. Please see the link on our blog for proper MLA formatting and style. I do not expect an introduction or conclusion, as in a standard essay, but you should introduce each definition by quoting it and then make a smooth transition to your argument for or against.