

The Umbrella Academy

Season 1



Heroic Journey

1. Heroic Journey - Theory for Five's Past

1. The hero is introduced in the Ordinary World where...

Five lives alone with a mannequin for over 30 years at the end of the world. (episode 5)

2. He or she receives a call to adventure

Handler from the commission wants to recruit him / hire him as a time correction assassin. (episode 5)

3. He or she is reluctant at first or refuses the call, but

Five years of service so that he can go back in time to start everything from happening. reluctant because she tells him he can't change the apocalypse. (episode 5)

4. He or she is encouraged by a mentor to

This is reflected in their father's teachings and his influence that they are special children meant to make a difference.

5. Cross the first threshold and enter the special world where

Five is trained and becomes the best assassin for time corrections and removals. (episode 5)

6. He or she encounters tests, allies, and enemies...

only shown swiftly as he shoots very famous people, engages with the Handler, and works with the commission. (episode 5)

7. After these trials, he or she approaches an inmost cave (a psychological challenge that he or she must contend with) that will force him or her to operate at the outer limits of his or her capacity.

The equation to return back to the time he had left, which goes wrong and puts him 8 days before the apocalypse. (episode 5)

8. This is where he or she will suffer an ordeal.

Five has to kill JFK. (episode 5) (Randall - The ordeal is that Five has to convince his family to help)

9. After the ordeal is complete, he or she takes possession of the reward (a highly valuable skill)...

Five is now a trained assassin, awesome fighter and is able to travel back in time (episode 5) (Reward is Harold's name)

10. But negative forces pursue the hero on the road back to the ordinary world.

Hazel and Cha Cha are hired to eliminate Number Five. (episode 1, 2 ...)

11. He crosses the third threshold back to the ordinary world and experiences a resurrection.

Five is back in time but caught in his teenage body. (episode 1) (the team is back together, mostly)

12. Transformed by the experience he or she uses his or her new skill to better the world around him or her.

Five tries to stop the end of the world. (episode 1-10) (Randall - transfers the family to safety)

2. Heroic Journey - Theory for entire Umbrella Academy

I think we can apply the hero's journey to the whole Umbrella Academy.

1. The hero is introduced in the Ordinary World where...

The Umbrella Academy's ordinary world is to be a crime-stopping superhero team

2. He or she receives a call to adventure

The call to adventure is to continue being a superhero team

3. He or she is reluctant at first or refuses the call, but

But the members drift away for various reasons and do their own thing

4. He or she is encouraged by a mentor to

This is reflected in their father's teachings and his influence that they are special children meant to make a difference.

5. Cross the first threshold and enter the special world where

They are brought back together by the death of their father and the revelation that the world will end soon

6. He or she encounters tests, allies, and enemies...

They are challenged by Cha Cha and Hazel, the Commission, finding the owner of the eye, and Leonard/ Harold. They are joined by Patch, mom, and Pogo.

7. After these trials, he or she approaches an inmost cave (a psychological challenge that he or she must contend with) that will force him or her to operate at the outer limits of his or her capacity.

Desperate to solve this destruction of the world, Five comes up with a plan to threaten the Handler

8. This is where he or she will suffer an ordeal.

Five is brought back to work with the commission which he hates

9. After the ordeal is complete, he or she takes possession of the reward (a highly valuable skill)...

Five obtains Harold's name

10. But negative forces pursue the hero on the road back to the ordinary world.

The commission is still alive despite the damage Five inflicted

11. He crosses the third threshold back to the ordinary world and experiences a resurrection.

The team is finally coming together to stop the end of the world; the resurrection is the team coming together.

12. Transformed by the experience he or she uses his or her new skill to better the world around him or her.

Finally united as a team, even with Vanya, Five is emboldened to try to transfer his family at once to save them from the destruction of the world.