

The Witcher

Season 1



Heroic Journey

1. Heroic Journey - Ciri (only the beginning of it)

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

Ciri plays knucklebones with friends and then has to endure an honor parade of loyal soldiers because she is a princess. (episode 1)

2. He or she receives a call to adventure

The castle is under siege and Ciri's dying grandmother Queen Calanthe tells her that Ciri has to find Geralt of Rivia. (episode 1)

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

Mousesack helps Ciri escape because the Nilfgaard soldiers are already in the castle. (episode 1) And then she still refuses the call as she sees the Cintra bannerman in the woods and joins a refugee camp to remain with her people. (episode 2)

4. He or she is encouraged by a mentor to

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

Ciri enters Brokilon Forest where she meets the dryads - female wood nymphs. (episode 4)

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

Ciri has found Dara as an ally. Her enemies are the Nilfgaardian soldiers and Cahir. Tests are the holy water in Brokilon Forest, the shapeshifter Mousesack, and her former friends who attack her in the field.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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2. Heroic Journey - Yennefer

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

Yennefer is a deformed girl working in a pig pen.

2. He or she receives a call to adventure

Tissaia comes to Yennefer's village and buys her for a price that is less than for a pig.

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

Yennefer tries to commit suicide but Tissaia saves her.

4. He or she is encouraged by a mentor to

Tissaia challenges Yennefer.

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

Yennefer works for the Queen Kalis of Lyria and is bored. She has become a "glorified royal arse wiper" who has spent the last three decades "cleaning up stupid political messes."

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

Yennefer has to fight an assassin, has to make some money and trying to find a cure for her infertility. Her ally becomes Geralt. Tissaia stays her mentor throughout the story. Her enemy is Fringilla.

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.

Yennefer wants to summon the djinn to be able to bear children again.

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

The djinn starts possessing and is almost killing her.

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

Unknowingly Geralt's last wish is the reason why from now on they can't keep away from each other.

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

Yennefer leaves Geralt because she thinks he imprisoned her with his last wish.

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

Yennefer returns to Aretuza and meets Tissaia again, who takes on the role as the mentor once again, and as they are in Sodden, Yennefer tells Tissaia she is ready to die, but Tissaia disagrees: "You have so much left to give."

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

Tissaia encourages Yennefer to let her chaos explode and not to keep it locked up in a bottle anymore. Yennefer does just that, unleashing a massive blast of fire magic.