

# Call for Writings & Artwork

*Women's Perspectives # 15*



Hero's Journey:  
Where are  
you in your  
journey?



**Women's Perspectives #15:** (published by WE LEARN) will showcase original writings and artwork by adult literacy/basic education students across all levels. Student writers and artists are encouraged to reflect and to share ideas on the theme "Hero's Journey."

Go to <https://www.welearnwomen.org/womens-perspectives.html> for more information on the theme and submitting your work.

*All year, WE LEARN has set out new topics on our Facebook page and website. Check it out. But most of all, start writing!*

## Why participate?

- ♥ Students' writings and artwork are published for an international audience via our website.
- ♥ The effects of Women's Perspectives on student writers have been immeasurable. We know of students who have developed their own student leadership activities, read at local poetry slams, joined boards and committees, presented at conferences, and enjoyed local press celebrating their success.
- ♥ All students who send writing or artwork will receive a certificate of participation.

**DEADLINE to send material is January 31, 2020**

Send materials to: [welearnwomen@gmail.com](mailto:welearnwomen@gmail.com)

## Hero's Journey Steps

Any journey to success happens over time. Along the way, many possibilities arise. Here are the steps as outlined by Joseph Campbell in his description of the hero's journey.

Write about any of these steps that speak to you.

1. **Ordinary World** - In the beginning, the world is an ordinary place, but my ordinary is not your ordinary. So write about your world. Tell about the things in your life.
2. **Something is not right** - A hero wakes up one day. They realize that something is not right. Something has changed. Something is not right.
3. **Begin the Search** - In this step the hero knows what has to happen, but it is hard to start the journey. Maybe she is scared. Maybe she is too busy to make changes. Maybe the hero starts looking for ways to improve their situation.
4. **Meeting with the Mentor**- In this step, obstacles appear, but so do guardians and mentors who can give advice. Mentors help prepare the hero for the journey ahead, giving motivation, inspiration and tips.
5. **Crossing the First Threshold** - The hero leaves the ordinary world for the first time and crosses into the unknown.
6. **Tests, Allies, Enemies** - The hero learns the rules of the new world. During this time, there are tests of strength of will, meetings with friends, and coming face to face with enemies.
7. **Approach and Ordeal** - The hero faces setbacks which causes her to try a new approach or adopt new ideas. The hero has to find strengths they haven't had before. Sometimes the setback is huge and the hero almost gives up.
8. **Reward** - The hero has survived all the ordeals and the goal is reached.
9. **Return and save the village** - The hero takes the new skills back to the village and uses those skills to help others.