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Here Comes the Hero: Aeneas and the Stoic Ideal

Enthymeme: Aeneas exemplifies the stoic hero of ancient Rome because he privileges duty to state over his personal desires or comfort.

Claim: Aeneas exemplifies the stoic hero of ancient Rome

Stated Reason: because he privileges duty to state over his personal desires or comfort.

Warrant: any person who places his duty to state over personal desires is an ideal stoic hero

Backing: Discussion as to we agree that Rome honored duty over personal desire. Discuss other heroes who exemplify such self-sacrifice such as Ghandi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and William Wallace.

Grounds:

- *Analyze Aeneas's decision to help others escape Troy rather than simply save himself

- *Analyze Aeneas's acceptance of the temple relics to salvage the religion rather than running from Troy

- *Evaluate Aeneas's relationship with Dido and his choice to leave her to found Rome

- *Evaluate the moments when Aeneas accepts the gods' commission to found Rome even when he is exhausted

- *Analyze Aeneas's journey to the Underworld and his decision to turn from his apprehension and fear to the duty at hand

- *Evaluate the vision in Elysium (the future of Rome being born) and Aeneas's acceptance of his destiny