

Archetype Comparison

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For this assignment, I have selected the archetype of “Trickster,” as presented from the link. From the list of individuals associated with this archetype, I will compare and contrast two: The Norse mythology Loki and the spirited African folklore legend, Anansi. The Norse deity Loki, according to their myths, was a clever and engaging moral imp that caused much trouble for the gods. He is a white wolf, a sporophyte old and cunning enough to assume the shape fitting the environment; the nearest symbol of dread. His most notorious act was the mechanism he set in place to destroy Baldr, beloved god of light and protector leading to Ragnarok which is the Norse apocalypse (Isaksson et al., 2023). Loki represents the mayhem inherent in Trickster and that divests of balance or fixed totalities, by unsettling anything set; he unseats authority.

But the trickster too could be found in the African folklore through Anansi, however, remains more complicated. He is said to be a spider, whereby he strategically uses his brains to trap opponents and solve problems. Loki's lies are more malicious and more selfish than those of Anansi, which are used most often in the interest of his people. His year provides him with the cunning mind needed to gain food, stories, and wisdom for his people (Patyal et al., 2023). Anansi dwells upon the Trickster archetype not a playful rebel, but alludes to deeper motivations and end goals just for society.

On the other hand, although Loki and Anansi characterize tricksters, their motives bring on seemingly dramatic divergences in deeds. In comparison, Loki's tricks are typically less organized and self-serving; even the standard words given as examples in this paper involve lots of destruction. Anansi's tricks, on the other hand, tend to be far more tactical and beneficial for his society. Although they play the role of Trickster figures in their mythology, both have different roles and characteristics defined by the contextual meaning which leads to spelling errors and poor word usage.

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