**The Archetype**

An **archetype** is:

* an **original model** of a person, **ideal example**, or a **prototype** after which others are copied, patterned, or emulated
* a symbol universally recognized by all.

Examples of repeated archetypes in literature:

* The Child
* The Hero
* The Great Mother
* The Wise old man or Sage
* The Trickster or Fox
* The Devil or Lucifer
* [Hamlet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamlet), the self-doubting hero, Spiderman – the antihero
* **(Write one archetype from literature you have read):**

**Directions:** Below, write the main characters from The Grapes of Wrath. Then, think about what these characters represent – are they the “wise man”? Are they are “mother-figure”? Are they the “epic hero”?