

MAIN QUEST | THE CODEX RHETORICA

A CALL TO ADVENTURE

WEEK 1
DUE: AUG 26



Welcome, investigator. You're going to want to get yourself situated– we may be here a while...

1. **Set up** your Mission Log: [Create a free WordPress blog](#) for yourself. From here until the end of the semester, this will be your Mission Log. If you need it, [this guide](#) will show you how to set up a free blog on WordPress – if you encounter issues, don't hesitate to email me. [Note: You are not required to purchase your own domain (url) for your site. You should not have to pay any money for this!].
2. **Read** "Issue 1: Introduction" in *Understanding Rhetoric: A Graphic Guide to Writing* (pg. 1-31). PDF available [here](#).
3. **Play** Nicky Case's "[We Become What We Behold](#)" (~10 min).
4. **Respond** to the prompt on the following page in the "About Me" section of your new blog. Submitting the response is always the last step of a Main Quest, and completing it will earn you the 50 NAPS each Main Quest is worth.

Completing this Main Quest grants you 50 NAPS.

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MISSION ENTRY

(TO BE POSTED TO THE “ABOUT ME” SECTION OF YOUR SITE!)

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We've know about them for a while: this vile shadow group. We're calling them The Organization. Seems like every day their reach grows; soon there will be nothing left outside of their control. We're going to have to act quickly, and we're going to need help. It's time to ask yourself, agent- what are you here for?

We need your help: but before we take off on our quest to explore writing, rhetoric, and research through the lens of 'gaming' together, I—and your future crew members—am going to need to know a bit about you. We're all on a quest here, in college. For many of us, that quest is to *achieve something. To defeat something. To become something. To prove something. To understand something.*

We're all here to play the game of higher education, and as we've discussed, all courses are games. I want you to take a moment and think about the path that has brought you here, to this classroom and to this course. *Who helped you? What did you have to overcome?* Now, I want you to consider for a moment where you are *going*. What does college mean to you? What does *writing* mean to you?

With these things in mind, I want you to write a short letter to myself and your classmates that addresses these questions:

What is the quest that you're on and where is it going to take you? What do you need to do to succeed in this quest? What skills will you need to develop in order to be successful? How can I, and this class, help you succeed?

Your **audience** for this letter is you, myself, and your classmates. You are welcome to have fun with this, though I want your response to be truthful.

When you are ready, **post this letter as the 'About Me' tab on your new WordPress site. Bring the link to your new WordPress site to class with you on Monday.**