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# Hello my name is

With the person next to you, talk about the story of your name.

- How did you get it?
- What is its special meaning?

### 4 Story Stages

- Departure
- Initiation
- Transformation
- Return



#### **Departure**

The hero begins in the ordinary world and receives a call to enter an unknown, extraordinary world filled with challenges.

This stage often includes:

- the refusal of the call,
- meeting a mentor,
- and crossing the first threshold.



#### Initiation

Upon entering the new world, the hero faces various trials and challenges. This phase involves the hero undergoing significant transformation, gaining new knowledge, and often receiving supernatural aid.

Key moments include:

- the road of trials,
- meeting with the goddess,
- and the ultimate boon.

#### **Transformation**

The hero faces a critical challenge, often referred to as the ordeal, which leads to a transformation or rebirth.

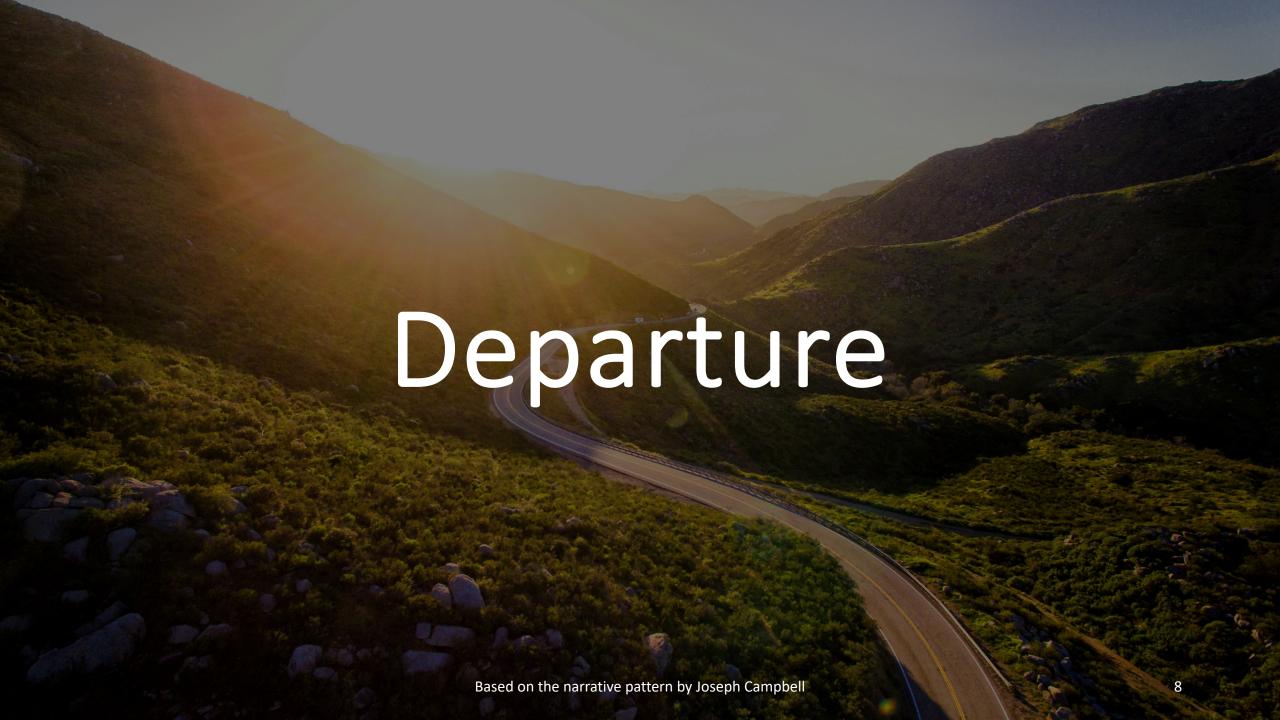
This is a pivotal moment where the hero achieves a significant victory or insight, which is often symbolised by some form of reward or treasure.



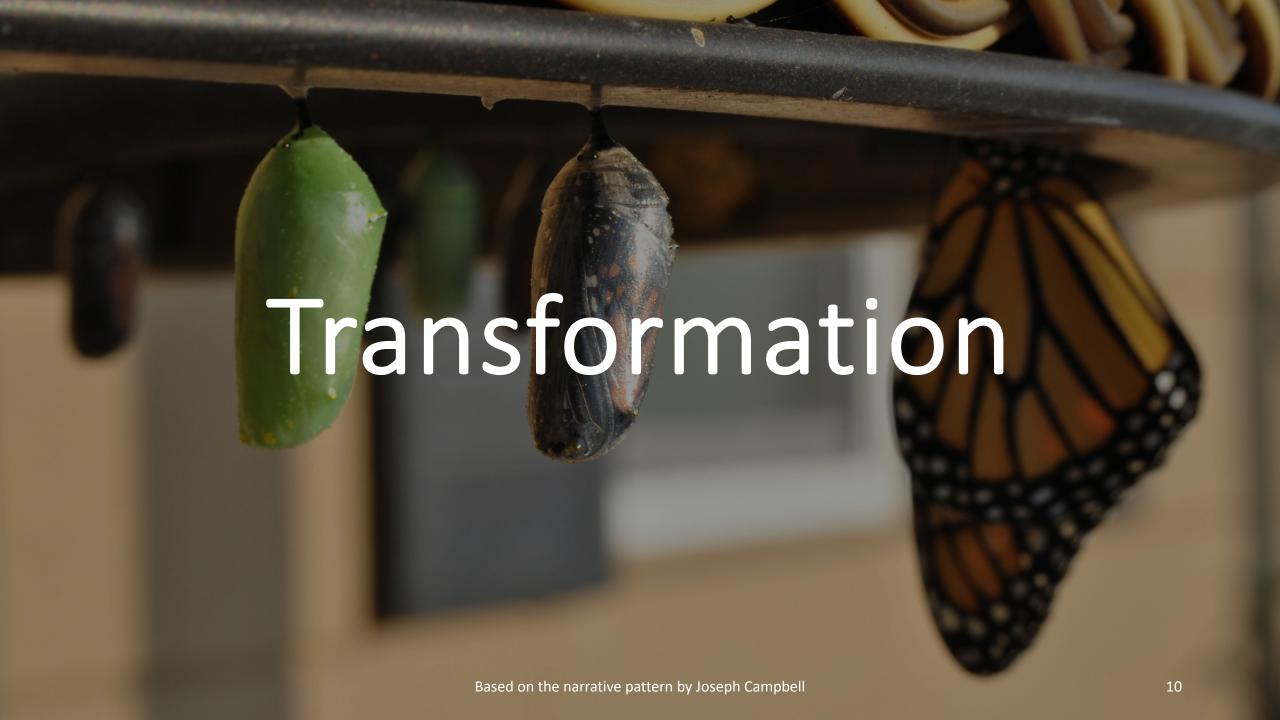
#### Return

The hero must **return to the ordinary world**, bringing back the knowledge, power, or treasure gained during the journey.

This stage includes the return threshold, which involves integrating the newfound wisdom into their everyday life and often involves a struggle to return home. The hero's return benefits the ordinary world in some way.









## Find your book group

Once you have found your book group, everyone introduce themselves with:

- Name
- Organisation



#### **Group Challenge**

As a group, create a 2 min story about the journey of an ACE learner using the four stages as a guide.

Work out a creative way to present your story to the rest of the conference.

The best presentation will get a prize!

You will get points for:

- 1. Coherence
- 2. Creativity
- 3. Collaboration



## **Conference Challenge**

Ask people at this conference, what is the story of your name?

