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Hello, I am now working on the second part of the structure and find myself confused with the idea of the New World and the caves.

My heroine will travel to each continent where she'll encounter numerous tribes and learn something new from each one. Could each encounter be a different cave? If so, there is not enough caves for all the tribes she'll visit.

Can you recommend a movie or a book where the hero moves from location to location?

A.

Briefly:

The learning is not confined to the First Threshold and the Caves. It is spread throughout the whole story. The final thing learned / gained is the Ultimate Capacity, which occurs just before the Hand-to-Hand Battle.

Within the Cave, something is learned / gained in the Outer Cave, then Middle Cave and then Inner Cave. You can learn as many things in each but I suggest restricting to two learnings (and therefore tribes) in each cave.

The major learning (and dissolution of the Older Self) is undergone on the Road of Trials (RoT). There are normally three RoT, so you can have six more tribes here.

Then there is the Night Sea Journey, World of Atonement, Atonement etc, so more learning / tribes there.

You stage-gate the learnings throughout the whole story, right up until the end, before the Final Conflict.

I am worried that you are jumping between too many tribes/worlds; there is too much learning but not enough application of it. I suggest writing the story with a minimal number of tribes and then seeing what is learned in each and then separating out if need be – once you know what is learned in one tribe, you can create two tribes and make sure the experience in each does what is required.

Another way is to use tribes and sub-tribes – every World you enter is made up of subcultures and each is its own tribe.

Watch Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985). It shows the Hero entering Bartertown and there is the culture / tribe of the town, of Aunty (upstairs) and then of MasterBlaster (downstairs). Then the movement across the desert and meeting the tribe of children. Also, in this movie, the character of Aunty maybe similar to your heroine.

Best.

510+ stage Hero's Journey

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