

Ordinary World? New World?

Question:

Hello, I have another question that I hope you can help me with: on page 117 is written that the Hero departs INTO the ordinary world and gives the example of Titanic with Jack running to the ship as it leaves. Is not the ship the New World? Isn't Jack departing from the ordinary world?

Thank you.

Answer:

This is basically Arrival Symbolism. And it is a little complicated because it incorporates all the Previous Worlds. But in essence:

Yes it is the New World.

But he is moving into the Ordinary World in the sense that his / Rose Ordinary Selves / Ordinary States (OS) / Devolved Selves will be made explicit during the first few sequences on the boat. Further, in the story, there is a distinction between the Worlds – the Ordinary World / State below deck and the New World / State above deck.

It's like that in a lot of stories - the Hero et al move into the New World and it is there that their OS is made explicit.

Hope this helps.

Wishing you a good day.

Best,
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