

Characteristics of the Byronic Hero

A character does not have to possess *all* of the traits below to be considered a Byronic hero, nor is every character with some of these traits necessarily a Byronic hero.

This list, adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byronic_hero, gives an overview of the character traits and attitudes typically associated with the Byronic hero.

- A distaste for social institutions and norms
- An exile, an outcast, or an outlaw
- Arrogant
- Cunning and ability to adapt
- Cynical
- "Dark" attributes not normally associated with a hero
- Disrespectful of rank and privilege
- Emotionally conflicted, bipolar tendencies, or moodiness
- High level of intelligence and perception
- Mysterious, magnetic, and charismatic
- Power of seduction and attraction
- Self-critical and introspective
- Self-destructive behavior
- Social and sexual dominance
- Sophisticated and well-educated
- Struggles with integrity
- Troubled past