

# ARCHETYPES IN LITERATURE

# DEFINITION

- an image, descriptive detail, plot pattern, or character type that occurs frequently in literature, myth, religion, or folklore and is, therefore, believed to provoke profound emotions because it touches the unconscious memory and thus calls into play illogical but strong responses

# CHARACTERS

- hero
- outcast
- orphan
- scapegoat
- star-crossed lovers
- shrew

# SITUATIONS

- task
- quest
- loss of innocence
- Initiation
- coming-of-age
- cleansing
- rebirth

# archetypes in *Bless Me, Ultima*

- Your task is to identify archetypes in Anaya's novel—both characters and situations—and provide textual references from the book for support of your ideas.
- You will keep a journal of your ideas. Make sure to include references to *la Virgen*, *la Madre*, *la Bruja*, and *la Curandera*.