

# THE SAUGANASH CORONACLE T - H A W K E D I T I O N

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## ANTIHERO?

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Han Solo ranks number 14 on the American Film Institute's list of the 100 greatest movie characters of all time. Luke Skywalker doesn't make the cut. Empire magazine listed him as the 4<sup>th</sup> greatest movie character of all time – Luke came in at 54. If Luke is the universal hero, however, then the question becomes – why does everyone want to be Han Solo?

The qualities that define characters like Solo are largely negative ones – they appear amoral, motivated primarily by greed and personal gain, have a tendency to push the world away and appear unwilling to form real relationships with other people.

It goes without saying that all good characters grow. But the Han Solo kind of growth gets at human needs in two ways. We all want to have that tough exterior, that survivor mentality, but ultimately we realize that no one is an island. Perhaps that is the reason these characters resonate so strongly with us. At the beginning they fulfill our need to be the masters of our own destinies, and by the end they become stand-ins for our own desire to become part of something larger than ourselves.

This culminates in a moment of redemption when the character puts aside his selfish needs to serve the needs of the group. Han's turning point comes when he comes back to rescue Luke from Vader's TIE fighter, showing that their time together has caused him to develop something of a conscience.

The Mercenary antihero isn't going anywhere. Examples abound throughout fiction because these characters fill an important need in our psyches. Despite his early assertion that he looks out only for himself, Han Solo reassures us that it's okay to need other people – and that's something that never goes out of style.

# MOST CREATIVE PICTURE



After learning first hand this week that "all work and no play makes Will a dull boy," the Barretts would like to remind everyone to take regular study breaks away from a screen, especially if you start saying "Redrum" uncontrollably.

## FIRST PRIZE FAMILY PICTURE

The Sauganash Family Picture Contest Committee has unanimously decided to reward The Callaghans with the best 80's picture of the year! Sean, Ben, and Marty, feel free to enjoy a whole year of free pizza intake at the Nash!!!



### HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO!

Identify the building in the photo below and be forever memorialized in *The Coronacle Hall of Fame*



FROGS KNOW WHEN TO JUMP AND WHEN TO BE QUIET, LEARN FROM THEM



WORDS OF WISDOM  
from Chief Sauganash