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MYTHOLOGY and FOLKLORE



UNIT I:

GREEK MYTHOLOGY

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GREEK MYTHOLOGY HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

1. Describe the structure of the Greek's belief system.
2. According to the Greeks, what was the single most important aspect of living?
3. What was the purpose of living life in this manner?
4. What was a central event in Greek life both in a literary and cultural sense?
5. Name two works that chronicle the vast amount of Greek tales and folklore.
6. What other group of people had a religious syncretism with the Greeks?
7. What event caused this religious syncretism?

A Brief History of the Greek Pantheon

Rule of the Elder Gods (The Titans)

In the beginning _____ came to be or was. From the void came the Darkness (_____), as well as Night (_____) and her daughter Day (_____). Attraction (_____) kept these primordial forces together and shaped the Universe.

From this union was born the Sky (_____) and the Earth (_____).

From the Earth and the Sky came the Titans who were led by _____.

_____ and _____ produced The Olympians.
 (_____) and his mother led the revolt to overthrow his father and banish the rest of The Titans.

Rule of the Olympians (Gods and Goddesses – Generation 2)

King

(_____)

Queen

(_____)

The Original 6 Olympians

(_____)

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*Replaces Hestia after she agrees to step down for the sake of keeping peace.

*Even though his mother was mortal his legendary feats of strength earned him a spot in Olympus.

*Usually not counted amongst the 12 Olympians since they ruled their "own" world – the Underworld.

"The Big Twelve"

*As reward for helping defeat The Titans (_____) was not imprisoned with the rest of his brethren.

**When Rome adopted the Greek Pantheon, many of the Gods and Goddesses were renamed.

***Depending on the year, and the source, at times there were more than 12 gods living in Olympus.

*You are responsible for looking up and writing down any definitions we do not cover in class.

People, Places, Things, Events, Sagas & Creatures of GREEK MYTHOLOGY

Primordial Gods

Aether	Ananke	Ceto	Chaos	Erebus	Eros	Fates	Gaia
Geras	Hemera	Moirai	Nyx	Ourea	Phorcys	Pontus	Tartus
Uranus							

Titans

Atlas	Crius	Cronus	Coeus and Phoebe	Echo	Eos	Epimetheus
Helios	Hyperion	Lapetus	Metis	Mnemosyne		Nemesis
Oceanids	Oceanus	Prometheus	Rhea	Selene	Styx	Tethys
Theia	Themis					

Olympians

Aphrodite	Apollo	Ares	Athena	Artemis	Boreas	Charities
Demeter	Dionysus	Hades	Hebe	Hephaestus	Hera	Hermes Hestia
Iris	Kratos	Leto	Muses	Nike	Nymphs	Persephone
Poseidon	Zeus					

The Underworld

Ascalaphus	Asphodel Meadows	Cerberus	Campe	Charon
Depths of Tartarus	Despoina	Empusa	Eurynomous	Erinyes
Fields of Elysium	Hades	Hecate	The Judges	The Keres
Land of Dreams	Hypnos	Menoetes	Melinoe	Moros
Morpheus	Persephone	Phrike	River Styx	Thanatos
Underworld Rivers				

Men

Adonis	Cimmerians	King Midas	Narcissus	Orpheus
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WOMEN

Amazons	Arachne	Echo	Lamia	Maenad	Pandora
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OBJECTS

Adamant	Aegis	Ambrosia	Cornucopia	Golden Apple
Helm of Darkness	Ichor	Pandora's Box	Scythe of Cronus	
Thunderbolt	Talaria	Trident		

Places

Mount Olympus	Mount Othrys	Oceanus	Temple of Apollo
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CREATURES

Centaur	Chimera	Cyclops	Echidna	Gryphon	Hecatoncheires
Ichthyocentaur		Laelaps	Manticore	Mormo	Nymphs
Pegasus	Phoenix	Satyr	Sea Goat	Spinx	Teumessian Fox
Typhon					

Events and Sagas

The Boar Hunt

Atalanta	Calydonian Boar	Meleager
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The 300

300 Spartans	Leonidas I	Thermopylae
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God Wars

Amazonomachy	Gigantomachy	Titanomachy
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Labors of Heracles

Cancer	Ceryneian Hind	Cretan Bull	Erymanthian Boar
Geryon	Hercules	Hydra	Ladon
Mares of Diomedes	Nemean Lion	Orthrus	Stymphalian Birds

Quest for the Golden Fleece

The Argo	The Argonauts	Boreads	Chrysomallos
Colchian Dragon	Golden Fleece	Harpies	Jason
Spartoi	Talos		

Trojan War

Achilles	Agamemnon	Ajax	Cassandra	Hector
Helen	Menelaus	Myrmedons	Paris	Patroclus
Trojan Horse	Troy			

Daedalus's Story

Daedalus	Icarus	Labyrinth	Minotaur	Theseus	Odysseus
Penelope	Telemachus				

The Odyssey

Aeolus	Antinous	Argos	Calypso	Charybdis	Circe
Laertes	Laestrygonians	Lotus-Eaters	Odysseus	Penelope	
Polyphemus		Scylla	Sirens	Suitors	
Telemachus					

Perseus's Adventures

Andromeda	Cetus	The Gorgons	The Graeae	Medusa	Perseus
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Prometheus the Fire-Bringer



1. What was the earth like during the age of Cronus, the father of Zeus? How many ages of man has there been?
2. Why are humans unhappy under the rule of Zeus? How do they show their unhappiness?
3. How does Zeus want to solve the problem?
4. What does Prometheus say about this plan?
5. How will the gift of fire help the humans?
6. In Greek, Prometheus means “forethought,” or the ability to plan. Why is this a fitting name for the Titan?
7. Why does Prometheus feel “half sorrow, half pleasure” after building fire for humans?
8. How will the gift of Fire mark a change in the relationship between humans and gods?

Narcissus

1. What does Narcissus do that causes him to be cursed?
2. How does Narcissus finally fall in love?
3. Why has Echo incurred the wrath of Hera? How does Hera get her revenge?
4. What does Echo do while Narcissus lies gazing at the object of his love?
5. How are Echo and Narcissus changed at the end of the myth?
6. How is what happens to Narcissus a fitting punishment for his pride?
7. What are two facts of nature explained by this myth?



ICARUS AND DAEDALUS



1. Why does Daedalus want to leave Crete?
2. How does Daedalus plan to escape?
3. Paraphrase the warning he gives Icarus.
4. Why does Icarus fall from the sky?
5. Do you think that Daedalus was punished by the gods for daring an unusual deed? Explain.
6. Do you think Icarus was punished for disobeying his father? Explain.
7. What lesson does this myth teach?

PHAETHON, SON OF APOLLO



1. Why does Phaethon go to Apollo's palace?
2. Why does Apollo urge Phaethon to make a wish different from his first one?
3. What is Phaethon's secret reason for his request?
4. What is the result of this request?
5. What natural features are explained in this myth?
6. Why do you think Phaethon feels that he had to "always be first in everything"?

Baucis and Philemon

1. What is special about the oak and linden mentioned in the opening paragraph?
2. Why does Jupiter disguise himself as a poor traveler to visit Phrygia?
3. How do most of the people greet him and Mercury? How do Baucis and Philemon treat them differently?
4. How do the gods reward Baucis and Philemon? How do they treat the other Phrygians?
5. What transformation or changes do Baucis and Philemon undergo?
6. Why is it accurate to say that the gods reward Baucis and Philemon twice?



King Midas and the Golden Touch

1. What does Midas find in his garden and how does it get there?
2. Who gives Midas the golden touch?
3. How does Midas finally rid himself of the golden touch?
4. What natural occurrence does this tale explain?
5. At the end of the story Midas claims to have learned his lesson. What lesson do you think he has learned? What makes him content?
6. How would you word the wish for the golden touch in order to avoid Midas's problem?
7. Irony is the difference between what you expect to happen and what actually does happen. What irony do you see in Midas's story?



The Origin of Seasons

1. How do the gods and goddesses treat one another and the humans?
2. How does this story explain the changing of seasons on the Earth?
3. Why do you think that Demeter spends so much time with Demophoon, even planning to make him immortal?
4. Demeter is able to force Zeus to change his mind about the wedding of Hades. What does this tell you about the power of the goddess of harvest?
5. What other stories do you know of in which someone eats a forbidden fruit and pays dearly for it?



Describe the effect of each event listed below.

6. Gloomy Hades falls in love with beautiful Persephone.
7. Unhappy about the loss of her daughter, Demeter refuses to tend to her duties as the harvest goddess.
8. Demeter vows to let nothing grow until her daughter is returned.
9. While in the Underworld, Persephone eats seven seeds from a piece of fruit.

Orpheus the Great Musician

1. If you were Orpheus, would you have looked back?
Why or why not?
2. On the basis of this myth how do you think the ancient Greeks pictured the afterlife?
3. How did the same feeling that prompted Orpheus's Decent into the Underworld also cause him to fail?
4. In the end, which is more powerful: love or death?
5. Do you think Hades was fair to Orpheus and Eurydice?
Why?



Greek Mythology Research Paper

Welcome to the wonderful world of research papers! (Strong round of applause!)
Your research paper for this unit will be a short MLA Format paper on an aspect of Greek Mythology (God/Goddess/Creature/Place/Tale).

* All project topics must be approved by **MR. RINKEVICH**.



Paper Format

- * Size 12 Font
- * 1 Inch Margins
- * Black Ink Only
- * Times New Roman Font
- * Double Spaced
- * Page Number Top Right Corner

Paper Requirements

*1 – 3 Pages of Text

- 1 Page = 1 Full Side + 1 sentence onto the next page.

* Works Cited Page

- MLA Documentation (Internal Citation)
- Every paragraph in your paper must include a citation.

* You will need at least 3 sources for your paper.

- **DO USE:** Online Articles, Mythology Specific Websites, Newspaper/Magazine
Articles, Books

- Check my website for suggestions

- **DO NOT USE:** Wikipedia, Ask.com, Basically any site that allows user edited content.

ANY USE OF AI WILL RESULT IN A ZERO FOR YOUR PAPER.

Point Value

This project is worth 100 points.

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Create Your Own God

Project Description:

People might not have giant marble statues of Zeus in their front yards anymore, but the essence of the Greek Gods and Goddesses is alive and kicking! You read about them in literature (comics), watch plays glorifying their deeds (TV and Movies), you collect their statues (action figures), wear clothing with their symbols (t-shirts, hoodies, hats, etc.) and dress as them in tribute (Halloween costumes).

Who are these modern gods that you speak of? Yep, you guessed it – Superheroes! A superhero is a type of character possessing extraordinary powers or natural abilities polished to a near superhuman level whose deeds and accomplishments exemplifies what society admires and/or aspires to be or achieve.

However, it seems at the moment, people are growing weary of these current gods, and an interest in the gods of old has been rekindled. We shall continue with this trend. Instead of creating yet another rehash, we shall breathe the new life into those that came before. YOU will be creating a god of yesteryear, but for modern times.

Mr. Rink, what in the name of Zeus are you ranting about? Great question! While you can create a new water or thunder god, those will always be in demand, society now has other needs that require meeting. What about a god of studying? Who do you pray to for help with homework? What about something as trivial as excellent cell phone service and connection? What about gods of sports? I hear there is a new god of football known as Thomas Bradious, and we didn't even begin to tap the divine potential for video games! The possibilities are endless. If there is a need to be met, and there are enough people who cry out for help, then a god can be created to be worshipped!

Guidelines

Picture

Find or create a picture of your god. Find a picture online and alter it, use an AI site to generate it (The one time I will allow AI use), draw it digitally or create it on physical medium and take a picture to upload online.

Stats

Pantheon: Hanover

Location:

Discovered by: (Your Name)

Consort: - Your choice

Notable Siblings: - Your choice

Notable Children: Your choice

Associations: Examples - Hercules/Strength, Aphrodite/Love, Beauty

Symbols: Examples – Zeus/Thunderbolt

Key Info

Give 2-5 Bullet points about your god.

Brief Bio

Give a brief biography about your character (At least 10 sentences). However, if you are of the creative ilk and have a well fleshed out backstory, then by all means have at thee!

Project Value = 100 Points

* Go to the Hanover Pantheon of my webpage for examples!

The best gods will be immortalized on my website forever. People will remember your name. The rest will fall by the wayside like those elder gods who are lucky to be mentioned in a footnote at best, now that their time has passed.