

Mythology Essay Options

Essay #1 Origins

Compare and/or contrast the Greek myths on the creation of the universe to a teaching or myth from another culture or religion.

Essay #2 Defying the Gods

(Prometheus Steals Fire From Heaven, Orpheus in the Underworld, Echo, Narcissus)

Option A: Greek myths often take a tragic view on love. Compare and/or contrast a love story you have heard or read about to one of the tragic myths we have read.

Option B: What is the myth *Orpheus in the Underworld* saying about human nature. Examine why Orpheus was unsuccessful. What character flaws did Orpheus possess to make him unsuccessful in achieving his goal of getting Eurydice back?

Option C: Often in Mythology, those who do not follow the whims of the gods are punished. What does this say about the Greek/Roman society? What might these myths teach those who are told the myths?

Essay #3 Nature Myths

(The Seven Pomegranate Seeds, Pandora's Box)

Option A: Myths are used to explain events that a culture or society cannot explain. Choose an event or natural occurrence and write a myth to explain these happenings. Make sure you include Greek Gods and Goddesses in your myth. This myth needs to be in narrative form, NOT EXPOSITORY. This myth needs to be 2 - 4 pages handwritten only. (Be creative and have fun with this.)

Option B: Myths are used to explain events that a culture or society cannot explain. Why do you believe a culture or society creates myths? This needs to be in expository form, with an essay plan, rough draft, and final polished draft.