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What Are Myths?

What Purposes Do Myths Serve?

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How Are Greek and Roman Myths Related?

Film Notes

The Gods of Olympus

1. Explain how both Gaia and Rhea were able to save their children.

2. Discuss the spectacular birth of Zeus' children.

3. How is Athena different from the other goddesses?

4. Why is Hermes considered to be a master thief? Why does Zeus welcome him to Mt. Olympus?

5. Who is your favorite Mr. Olympus god or goddess? Why?

Defying the Gods

The Myth of Arachne

1. Why did Athena challenge Arachne to a weaving contest?

2. What picture did Arachne weave during the contest?

3. What happened to Arachne?

The Myth of Prometheus

1. Why did Prometheus warn his brother not to accept gifts from Zeus?

2. What did Zeus tell Pandora to do with the beautiful wedding box?

3. Why did Pandora open the box?

4. What was inside Pandora's box?

The Myth of Icarus

1. How did Daedalus and Icarus escape from imprisonment?

2. What was Daedalus' warning to his son?

3. What happened to Icarus when he disobeyed his father?

Nature Myths

Myth of Persephone

1. How is Persephone abducted?

2. How does Zeus help Persephone?

3. Name four things in nature that change when Demeter loses Persephone?

Myth of Echo and Narcissus

1. How does Hera punish Echo? Why?

2. With whom does Narcissus fall in love?

3. What does Echo do after losing Narcissus?

4. What marks the spot where Narcissus falls into the pool?

Myth of Phaethon

1. Why does Helios let Phaethon take his horses?

2. What happens when the horses become uncontrollable?

3. How is Phaethon stopped?

Constellations

Myth of Orion

1. Why does Apollo dislike Orion?

2. How does Apollo trick Artemis?

3. Who is placed in the night sky with Orion? Why?

Myth of Callisto

1. Explain why Callisto is turned into a bear.

2. What happens when Arcas sees his mother?

3. How does Zeus intervene between the mother and son?

4. Why do they have a place of honor in the constellations?

Myth of Andromeda

1. How does Cassiopeia's vanity affect Andromeda?

2. How does Perseus save Andromeda?

3. Why is the ending considered to be both happy and tragic?

Theseus & the Minotaur

1. Even as a young boy, Theseus wanted to follow his dream. What was it?

2. How does Hercules know that Theseus is a brave boy?

3. Explain what Aethra means when she tells Theseus that his future lies under the boulder.

4. How does Theseus become famous on the road to Athens?

5. Why does Medea want to trick her husband? Is she successful? Why or why not?

6. When does King Aegeus recognize Theseus as his son?

7. Why does King Aegeus despise King Minos?

8. What is the Minotaur? Where does he live?

9. How does Ariadne help Theseus?

10. What is the significance of the magic thread?

11. What tragic event happens on Theseus' return to Athens? How is Theseus responsible?

12. How does Theseus improve Athens after becoming ruler?

Mythological Creatures

Directions: Describe the mythological creature.

Minotaur _____

Pegasus _____

Cerberus _____

Cyclopes _____

Gorgon _____

Unicorn _____

Constellations

What is your zodiac sign? _____

It is from which date to which date? _____

Draw your constellation in the circle.

