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APK

- You probably recall learning about certain Greek and Roman Gods and myths during your 8th grade year.
- For example Zeus – remember him?
- That's right! He was the King of the Gods – The most powerful God!

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Importance

- It is important to know that most of the English language is derived from Greek, Latin and Roman words origins
- If you know certain word origins, you have a better chance of understanding unfamiliar words as you come across them.

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Concept Development

- Myths are stories associated with a particular society that are essentially religious. Myths often explain the mysteries of nature, the origins of rituals, and the relationships between gods and humans.

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Concept Development

- Myths taught Homer's audiences important lessons about religion and conduct.
- The Greek and Roman myths live on in the English language.
- Soon we will read *The Odyssey* and we will come across names of gods, goddesses, mythical heroes, human heroes, monsters and villains!

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Concept Development

- Many English words have their origins in these names!
- For example, a long, difficult journey in search of something of value is called an odyssey.
- Alex Haley was on an odyssey in search of his African roots in his novel *Roots*.
- Scientists go on odysseys in search of the secrets of DNA. This list goes on and on!

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Names for Greek and Roman Myths – and the English words that derive from them.

○ **Name**

- Aegis -
- Ceres
- Hector
- Jove
- Mars
- Mentor
- Mercury

○ **English Word**

- Aegis
- Cereal
- Hector
- Jovial
- Martial
- Mentor
- Mercury

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Names for Greek and Roman Myths – and the English words that derive from them.

○ Name

- Muses
- Narcissus
- Olympia
- Siren
- Tantalus
- Titans
- Vulcan

○ English Word

- Museum, music
- Narcissistic
- Olympics
- Siren
- Tantalize
- Titanic
- Volcano; vulcanize

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Guided Practice

- Homer opens his epic poem with a prayer to the Muse. In mythology, the nine Muses were goddesses who inspired people working in the arts and sciences. One word derived from the name Muse is music.
- How is the meaning of our word museum related to the Muses?

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Guided Practice

- Answer: The word museum is derived from the Greek *mouseion*, meaning “place for the Muses.”

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Guided Practice

- The Sirens were island creatures with enchanting female voices who lured sailors to steer their ships toward dangerous rocks.
- Why do you think the horn of an ambulance is called a siren?
- Have a pair share moment first before you answer!

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Guided Practice

- Answer: Sirens were dangerous. They lured sailors to their death. A siren is a warning of danger.

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The Greeks and Romans shared the same stories, but used different names.

○ **Greek**

- Zeus
- Poseidon
- Hades
- Ares
- Aphrodite
- Hermes
- Hephaestus
- Cronus
- Uranus

○ **Roman**

- Jupiter
- Neptune
- Pluto
- Mars
- Venus
- Mercury
- Vulcan
- Saturn
- Uranus

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Planets Named for Gods from Greek and Roman Myths

- Mercury – Roman messenger of the gods. Son of Zeus. Wore wings on his sandals and his hat, thus was graceful and swift.
- Venus - Daughter of Zeus. Goddess of Love and Beauty. Likes the myrtle tree, doves, sparrows, and swans. (R)
- Mars - God of war and [son of Zeus](#) and Hera. Likes vultures and dogs.
- Jupiter - Lord of the sky and supreme ruler of the gods. Known for throwing [lightning bolts](#).
- Saturn - God of agriculture (R)
- Uranus - God of the sky. Father of the Titans. (R)
- Neptune - Ruler of the sea. Brother of Zeus. Carried a three-pronged spear known as a trident. (R)
- Pluto - Ruler of the underworld and the dead. Brother of Zeus. Had a helmet which rendered its wearer invisible. (R)

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Guided Practice

- Jove was another name for the Roman god Jupiter (the Greek god Zeus). According to those who believe the stars and planets influence our lives, people who are born under the sign of the planet Jupiter are jovial (meaning merry, jolly, etc.)
- Why would it be fun to invite a jovial person to your party?

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Guided Practice

- Suggested Answer: A jovial person is cheery and high spirited, so they will be capable of having a good time.

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NASA Expeditions named for Gods from Greek and Roman Myths

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- Mercury

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Independent Practice

- For your IP , complete the following:
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Closure

- Please complete the closure section by explaining what you learned today!

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