

Greek Mythology 101



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What is a myth?



- Our word myth is derived from the ancient Greek word *muthos*; meaning a spoken or written story
- Myths are broken into three main types: legends, pure myths, and folktales

ANCIENT GREEK GODS Goddesses, Mythical Creatures & Myths



Types of myths:



Legends	<p>Deal with real events and people, but also has unreal elements.</p> <p>Example: Homer's account of the Trojan War</p>
Pure Myths	<p>Relates directly to religion and ritual practices.</p> <p>Example: Creation stories</p>
Folktales	<p>Mythical stories intended for the uneducated and has a moral and cautionary message.</p> <p>Example: The boy who cried wolf</p>

Common Themes in Greek Myths:

- Fate
- Conflict
- Bloodshed
- Heroes Quest
- Beauty
- Love

The Beginning of the World



Cronos devouring his children



Titans imprisoned in Tartarus

The End of Man

- Should Cronos escape mankind will be terminated

Wrath of the Titans



King of the Gods

Word	Definition
Crooned	To sing or speak gently
Bile	Yellowish greenish fluid produced by the liver
Flummoxed	Confused

After reading answer the following in your notebook:

1. What type of myth is this? Explain your answer.
2. Why did Zeus' siblings and uncles fight with him?
3. Who are the two brothers of Zeus and how did they divide up the universe?
4. How did Zeus become king?
5. What role might this myth have played in the lives of ancient Greeks?

Mount Olympus and the Gods



Classes of Gods

1. The Olympians (Ex. Zeus)
2. Gods who lived elsewhere (Ex. Hades)
3. Demi-gods (Ex. Hercules)
4. Personifications (envy)

Zeus – king of all the gods & goddess



Poseidon – god of oceans,
earthquakes, & horses



Hera – queen of all the gods & goddess; goddess of marriage



Demeter – goddess of agriculture



Hestia – goddess of family & home



Athena – goddess of wisdom



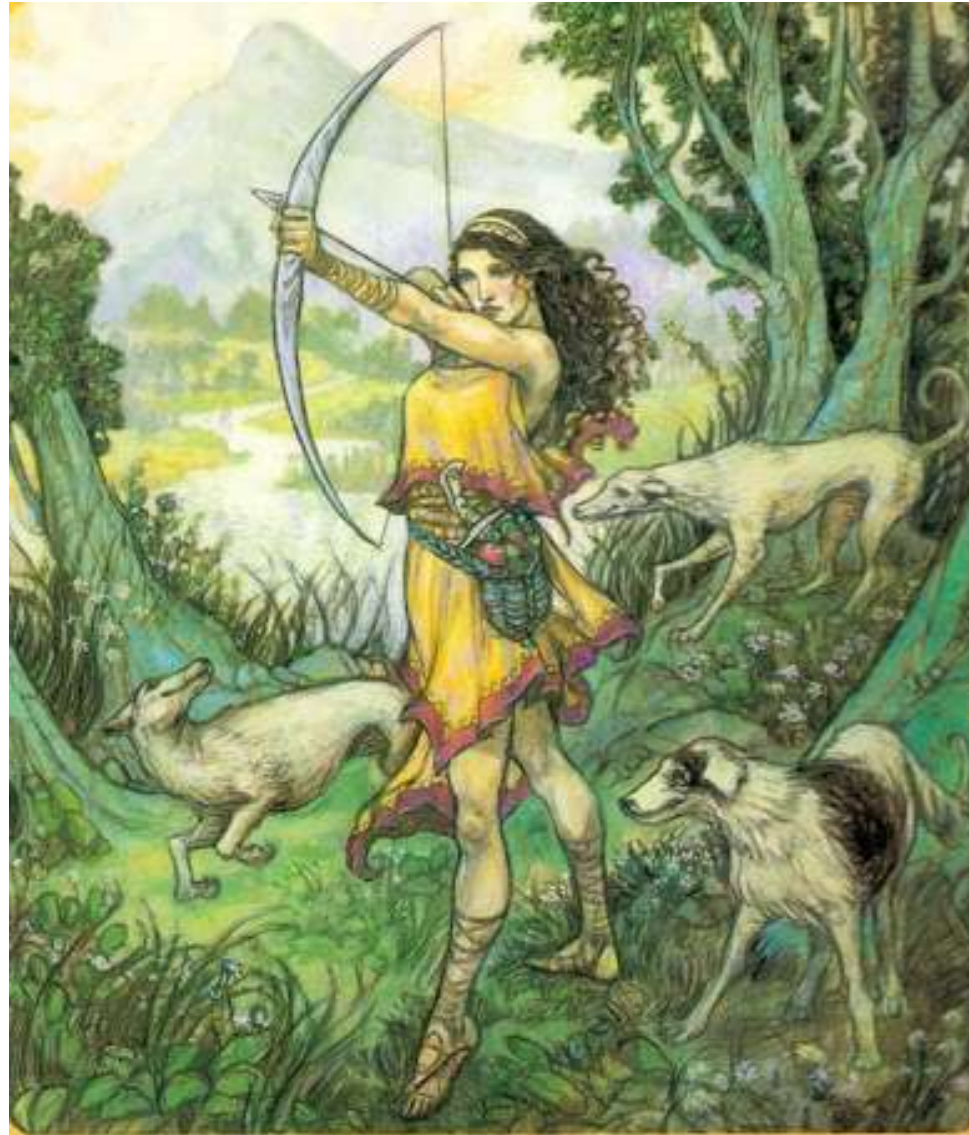
Ares – god of war



Apollo – sun god, god of music, poetry,
& archery, god of medicine



Artemis – goddess of hunting, the moon, and protector of women in childbirth



Hermes – God of guidance; Messenger of the gods



Aphrodite – goddess of love and beauty



Hephaestus- God of fire and forge



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Hades – god of the underworld



Characteristics of a Greek Hero:



- Demi God – half mortal and half god; favored by a god or goddess
- Born into royalty
- Abandonment at a young age
- Performs an amazing feat(s)
- Goes on a quest or journey



Labor	Characteristic
<i>The Nemean Lion</i>	Brute strength
<i>The Hydra</i>	Brains; thinking man
<i>The Sword-Tusked Boar</i>	Brains and Brawn
<i>The Brass Birds</i>	Brains and Armor
<i>The Sacred Deer</i>	Gentleness and Patience
<i>The Augean Stables</i>	Physical Labor; Brains
<i>The Amazons</i>	Diplomacy and Mutual Respect
<i>Diomedes' Horses</i>	Brains; tamer of evil
<i>The Fire-Breathing Bull</i>	Brute Strength
<i>The Monster's Cattle</i>	Brains and Brawn
<i>The Three Golden Apples</i>	Brains
<i>Capturing Cerberus</i>	Disguise; Brains

Hercules' Conflicts

Character vs. _____

● **Character**

● **Self**

● **Nature**

● **Society**

● **Fate**

Tasks:

1. Finish reading
Hercules myth
2. Complete
handout