

MYTHOLOGY

Lessons



1. Use one of the activities from “The Hook” to introduce students to mythology unit.
2. The teacher can jigsaw the story of creation, the Olympians, important myths by giving each student in the class the task of making a QUICK presentation to give the information to the class. The teacher gives the students a chart (included in unit) to fill out as each presentation is made. By listening to these presentations, the students should be able to pass an objective test. The students may wish to use *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton, internet sites which are included with this unit or sites which students locate. Hard copy resources may include the following:

Bulfinch's Mythology. Thomas Bulfinch.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Classical Mythology. Kevin Osborn.

Everything Classical Mythology Book: Greek and Roman Gods, Goddesses, Heroes, and Villians from Ares to Zeus. Lesley Bolton.

Explorations in Literature.

Mythology. Edith Hamilton.

Who's Who in Classical Mythology. Michael Grant and John Hazel.

3. The teacher may wish to use the sources and as a class fill out a chart of the gods, goddesses, myths, etc.
4. From this basic information, the teacher makes a selection from a list of activities and/or products which the students can create.
5. What would I teach? Some of the following:
 - The story of Creation
 - The stories of the 12 Olympians
 - What Hades was like
 - The story of Persephone
 - The story of Arachne
 - The story of Daedalus
 - The story of Phaethon
 - Baucis and Philemon
 - Pyramus and Tisbe
 - Baucis and Philemon
 - Daphne and Apollo
 - Orpheus and Eurydice
 - Pygmalion and Galatea
 - The story of Prometheus
 - The story of Echo and Narcissus

- The story of Cupid and Psyche
 - King Midas and the Golden Touch
 - Monsters
 - The muses
 - The heroes
 - Allow students to look up myths of other countries and find similarities and differences among myths of the world
6. At the end of the unit, the students should discuss what they have learned about mythology and connect to the theme *Quest*. What connections do we see between Greek mythology and man's religions today? They both seek to answer the same questions man has about existence. This is a good time to reflect back on the site <http://greekmyth.com> and look again at the purpose for spirituality—whether it be the myths of the Greek or the religions since.