

Mythology

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Introduction:

Mythology is “the body of myths belonging to a culture.” Myths are traditional stories about gods and heroes. They often account for the basic aspects of existence — explaining, for instance, how the Earth was created, why people have to die, or why the year is divided into seasons. Classical mythology — the myths of the ancient Greeks and Romans — has had an enormous influence on European and American culture” (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/mythology>).

This course is intended to give students a better understanding of the role mythology plays in our culture and cultures from around the world.

Goals for the Student:

- To improve as a writer, researcher, and critical thinker
- To read myths and act out myths from various world cultures
- To understand the role myths play in various world cultures
- To be able to analyze and discuss mythology intelligently
- To gain a better understanding of culture in general

Materials:

- You will need your chromebook every day, as many of our assignments will be submitted through Google classrooms
- Pencils
- Loose-leaf notebook paper

Textbook:

Mythology for Teens: Classic Myths in Today's Word

In addition to our textbook, we will also utilize a variety of myths that will be posted on Google classrooms. In addition, we will view and analyze a variety of films.

Grading System:

Daily work and major assignments make up 75% of the grade. Participation is 25%.

The grading scale is as follows:

A = 100-90 B = 89-80 C = 79-70 D = 69-60 F = 59 and below

Late work: A 20-point penalty is deducted for late work, meaning that the HIGHEST grade you will be able to receive on a late assignment is an 80. Please make sure you turn your work in on time.

If you are absent, you have one week from the date of your absence to make up any missing work

Class Expectations:

1. GIVE RESPECT TO GET RESPECT - KINDNESS MATTERS 😊
2. CELL PHONES ARE TO BE PUT AWAY DURING CLASS TIME, UNLESS I HAVE SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT YOU MAY USE THEM OR YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND HAVE ASKED FOR MY PERMISSION
3. BE PUNCTUAL - YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE ON TIME. IF YOU ARE LATE, YOUR PHONE WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL THE END OF CLASS
4. BE PREPARED - BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF OUR ASSIGNMENTS ARE ONLINE, YOU CANNOT FUNCTION IN THIS CLASS WITHOUT YOUR CHROME BOOK. BRING IT EVERY DAY.
5. COME TO CLASS PREPARED TO STAY. WE WILL TAKE A RESTROOM BREAK AS A GROUP. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT TIME TO USE THE RESTROOM AND/OR REFILL WATER BOTTLES.
6. FOLLOW ALL OTHER SCHOOL RULES, AS OUTLINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

Major grades will include the following assignments:

- ★ Discussions
- ★ Presentations
- ★ 1 Exam
- ★ Projects (including group projects)

I look forward to working with you this semester!

