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Knowledge 4

Greek Myths: Gods and Goddesses

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Title: _____

Directions: Use this Activity Page for your typing. Remember to type complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with the correct punctuation.



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Dear Family Member,

Today, your child heard a read-aloud about the twelve Greek gods and goddesses that the ancient Greeks believed lived on Mount Olympus. Over the next several days, your child will review that the ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses, and that the twelve on Mount Olympus were thought to be the most powerful. S/he will learn the definition of a myth (a fictional story, once thought to be true), and that myths try to explain occurrences in nature, teach moral stories, and entertain listeners. Your child will hear several well-known Greek myths including “Prometheus and Pandora,” “Demeter and Persephone,” and “Arachne the Weaver.”

Below are some suggestions for activities that you may do at home to reinforce what your child is learning about Greek myths.

1. The Twelve Gods of Mount Olympus

Have your child share which twelve gods and goddesses the ancient Greeks thought lived on Mount Olympus and what these gods and goddesses were in charge of. (*Zeus, Poseidon, Demeter, Hera, Hephaestus, Aphrodite, Athena, Ares, Apollo, Artemis, Hermes, Dionysus*) As your child shares what they know about these twelve Greek gods and goddesses, share with them what you know, including any Greek gods and goddesses that they have not heard about.

2. Sayings and Phrases: Cold Feet

Your child will learn the saying “cold feet” in relation to the Greek myth of Daedalus and Icarus. Before Daedalus and his son Icarus use their wax wings to try to escape from the prison tower, Daedalus hesitates with sudden fear. Talk with your child about other situations where one might use the saying “cold feet.”

3. Words to Use

Below is a list of some of the words that your child will be learning about and using. Try to use these words as they come up in everyday speech with your child.

- *myths*—Many ancient peoples told myths, fictional stories thought to be true at the time. Myths often tried to explain events in nature, or taught a lesson. Greek myths often have characters who are gods or goddesses, humans, and/or creatures.
- *mortal*—All humans are mortal, which means that they are born and later die.

- *immortal*—Greek gods and goddesses were believed to be immortal, which means they never die.

4. Read-Aloud Each Day

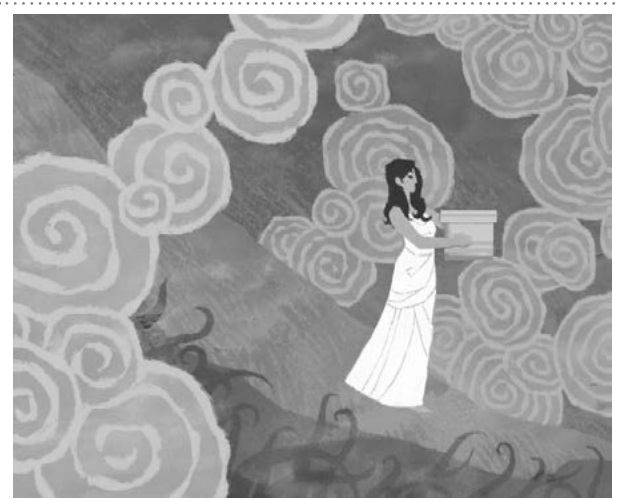
It is very important that you read to your child each day. The local library has many books on Greek myths and ancient Greek civilization.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

2.1

Directions: These five pictures show events from the myth "Prometheus and Pandora." Identify the proper sequence of events in the pictures and type the correct order in the given text boxes.



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Title: _____



Directions: Use this worksheet for your typing and drawing. Remember to type complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with the correct punctuation.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

3.1

Title: _____

Directions: Use this worksheet for your typing and drawing. Remember to type complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with the correct punctuation.

NAME: _____

5.1

DATE: _____

First

Then

Directions: Listen to each pair of sentences as your teacher reads them. Type First on the blank before the sentence that happened first in the story, and type Then on the blank before the sentence that happens second in the story.

1. _____, Theseus defeats the Minotaur.

_____, Theseus volunteers to enter the labyrinth.

2. _____, Theseus forgets to change the sails from black to white.

_____, King Aegeus falls into the sea.

3. _____, Theseus ties the gold thread around his body.

_____, King Minos's son dies in Athens.

4. _____, Daedalus creates the labyrinth.

_____, Princess Ariadne asks Daedalus how to help Theseus escape from the labyrinth.

NAME: _____

6.1

Activity Page

DATE: _____

Character: _____



Directions: Use this worksheet for your typing and drawing. Remember to type complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with the correct punctuation.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

6.2

Title: _____

Directions: Type a summary of the events in "Daedalus and Icarus." Use the pictures to help you remember the story.



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Directions: These five pictures show events from the myth "Demeter and Persephone." Think about what is happening in each one. Identify the proper sequence of the pictures and type the correct order in the given text boxes.



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Directions: Think about what you have heard in the read-aloud, and then fill in the chart using words or sentences.

Somebody	
Wanted	
But	
So	
Then	

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

7.2

Title _____

Character(s)



Setting(s)



Plot

Beginning

Middle

End

Directions: Use this story map to describe the characters, settings, and plot of the story.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Dear Family Member,

Today, your child heard a read-aloud about the most famous hero in Greek mythology, Hercules. Over the next several days your child will hear more about the twelve labors of Hercules, specifically his fight with the Nemean lion and his search for the golden apples of the Hesperides. Your child will also hear about the riddle of the Sphinx and the story of Atalanta, a swift-footed huntress who refused to marry.

Below are some suggestions for activities that you may do at home to reinforce what your child is learning about Greek myths over the next several days.

1. Hercules

Have your child share with you what s/he has learned about Hercules. You may wish to search at the library or online for text or more details about Hercules' other labors to share with your child.

2. The Riddle of the Sphinx

Talk with your child about the riddle of the Sphinx, a winged, mythical creature with the body of a lion and the face of a woman. Have your child tell you the riddle and share the answer with you after you have guessed. If you know of any other riddles, share them with your child, or brainstorm with your child to create new riddles about the Greek myths s/he has heard.

3. Atalanta

Ask your child to tell you about Atalanta, the swift-footed huntress. Discuss with your child how the goddess Aphrodite helped one of Atalanta's suitors trick her, sharing that the Greek gods and goddesses were believed to have often interfered in the lives of mortals. Share with your child other myths you may know of where the Greek gods or goddesses interfered in the lives of others.

4. Words to Use

Here is a list of some of the words that your child will be learning about and using. Try to use these words as they come up in everyday speech with your child.

- *labors*—Hercules had to complete twelve difficult labors or tasks.
- *reputation*—Hercules cleared his reputation, or the people’s opinion of him, as ill-tempered after he completed those twelve labors.
- *posed*—The Sphinx posed her difficult riddle to any traveler who walked the road to Thebes.
- *resist*—Atalanta was unable to resist the golden apples.

5. Read Aloud Each Day

It is very important that you read to your child each day. Your local library should have books and other resources related to Greek myths and the ancient Greek civilization.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

8.1

Directions: Type the beginning, middle, and end of your myth on the following lines. Be sure to type complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with the correct punctuation.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

8.2

(Myth Title)

Written and Illustrated by _____

Long ago there was _____

_____ who lived _____

One day, _____

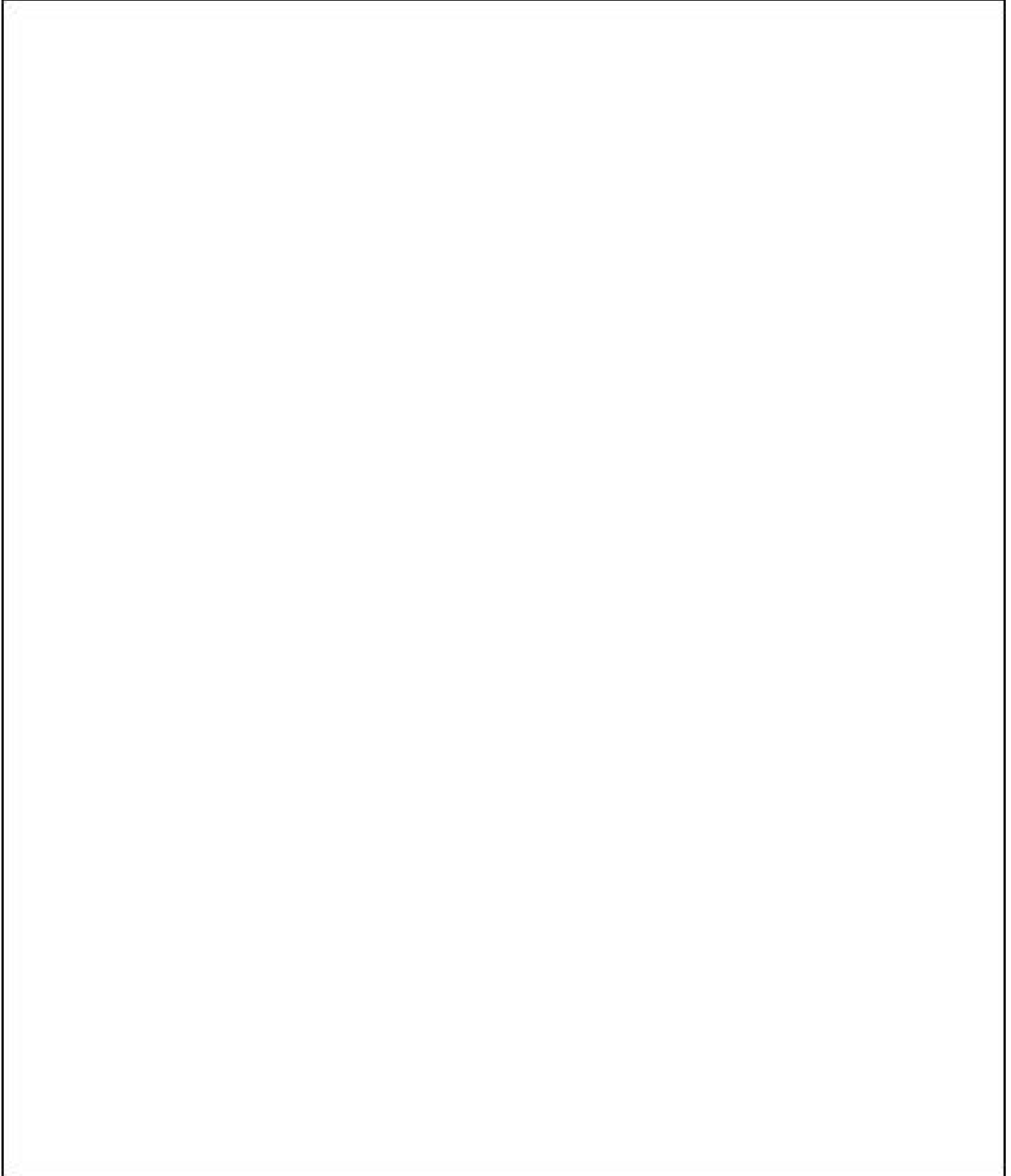
Then (character name) _____

After that _____

And that is why/how _____

Directions: Use this worksheet to type your myth. Fill in the blanks with the information you have chosen to include in your myth. Draw a picture of a scene from your myth in the drawing area given on the next page.

Drawing Area



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

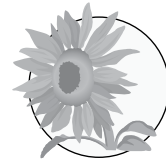
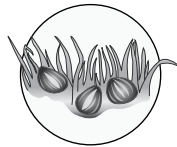
9.1

Directions: Listen to your teacher's directions about this checklist. Then look at your writing to see if you have ended each sentence with the correct punctuation, started each sentence with a capital letter, included a character with a name, and included a beginning, middle, and end. Your teacher will let you know if there are other things you should look for in your writing. Type yes or no in the box given before each checklist option.



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T he cat ran.

































NAME: _____

DA.1

Assessment

DATE: _____

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15.		

Directions: Listen to your teacher's instructions.

NAME: _____

DA.2

Assessment

DATE: _____

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



7.



8.



Directions: Listen to your teacher's instructions.

NAME: _____

DA.3

Assessment

DATE: _____

1. Who was the most interesting character you heard about in the Greek myths? Why?

2. Name and describe one nonhuman creature you heard about in these Greek myths.

Directions: Listen as your teacher reads each sentence. Think about the answer. Type words, phrases, or sentences that come to mind when you hear the question.

3. Tell about the supernatural powers of one of the characters you heard about in the Greek myths.

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