

**GREEK MYTHOLOGY PROJECTS – *choose 2***  
**200 points each – 1<sup>st</sup> Due Monday, March 16, 2015**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Due Monday, April 13, 2015**

Below are ideas for projects on the Greek mythology unit we are studying. **Choose two.** Any of these suggestions may be done without prior approval, but if you select a project that is not on the list, you must see me for approval. Your project will be graded on 1) the amount of knowledge you present, 2) the creativity of your project, and 3) all the mechanics of good writing and professional presentation.

1. Create a board game based on some aspect of Greek mythology. This could be a game about the Greeks' concept of the Underworld, the twelve labors of Hercules, or even the major gods and goddesses. Students must write a list of all the details from the story they want to include in the game, compose a detailed rule book and design as well as produce the board, cards, dice, spinners, game pieces and any other part of the game.
2. Create a booklet on the influence of Greek mythology on today's society. Take pictures, find advertisements, or cut out company information on businesses with Greek myths in their names or logos (ex. FTD florists). Write an explanatory paragraph for each Greek influence you find, explaining the relevance of each finding to the company using it.
3. Greek Mythology Scrapbook Students of Greek mythology can build a scrapbook detailing mythological stories and characters to creatively present the knowledge gained. The scrapbook may chronologically recount a particular myth, using a combination of narrative and art to tell the story. Students maintain freedom to include a collection of relevant items, images and historical facts to depict the myth's context. Another scrapbook theme involves profiling a mythical character by gathering visual and written representations of the character's image, personality traits, likes and dislikes, famous quotations, or even fictitious diary entries told from the character's perspective.
4. Create a PowerPoint presentation on one Olympian god or goddess of Greek mythology. Your presentation must contain the history and myth surrounding the god or goddess and how they have influenced today's society. Show research from a number of sources.
5. Pretend you are a Greek god, goddess, or hero. You now find yourself in Vancouver in 2015 and must start a business based on your skills to support yourself in today's society. Decide on a business, its name, and logo, and then create an advertising campaign for your new business. Write a script for a television commercial, the copy for a full-page newspaper or magazine advertisement, a business card, and the homepage of a website for your business.
6. Create a newspaper that the Greeks gods might have read. You will need to include popular sections just like a real newspaper: sports, world news, local news, entertainment, comics, advice column, etc. Make sure that the contents of your newspaper reflect all of your knowledge of Greek mythology.
7. Create a Face book page for a Greek character. Include all of the information available on a FB page, as well as posts from other gods or characters. This must include pictures and text that is grammatically correct. Be creative and colorful with your background picture and your character's avatar. Include occupation, education, age, birthday, interests, i.e. music, books, movies, television shows, video games, and activities that your character enjoys. This should be on poster board. It will be shared with the class and mounted on our classroom wall.

8. In this project, you will focus on one character from Greek mythology and do an in-depth study of this character. The project will consist of two parts:

1. A booklet that will be turned in
2. A short (2-3 min.) presentation

The booklet will consist of:

- An illustration of the character- made by the student
  - A genealogy of the character
  - A description of the character and their exploits
  - A description of why this character was important in Greek Mythology
  - Appearance, effort, and use of (student made) illustrations

The presentation will consist of:

- Oral presentation of info. about character
- Visual aid (separate from booklet)

9. Write a creation myth in the format of a children's book. Create illustrations for each page, a cover and back, and a dedication page. This must look like a book in every sense, so find a book that you can use as a model to incorporate publication information, etc. Make certain that you list yourself as author and illustrator. You will read this to the class.

## 10. God or Goddess Genealogy Chart

In mythology there are many different gods and goddesses that explain natural phenomenon; explain human origins and existence; and rationalize abstract concepts like fate, suffering, death, and the afterlife, etc. In this project, you will take the information that you know about various gods and goddesses and create your own god or goddess. Although you are creating only one god or goddess, your creation must have

- at least two previous generations of ancestors with names and domains/specialties
- at least two generations of descendants with names and domains/specialties
- A unified title for your family of gods and/or goddesses
  - Ex. *The Gods of \_\_\_\_\_*
- a name
- a picture (self-generated drawing or photograph, **NO** computer images or clip art [don't ask])
- a domain/specialty
- a list of characteristics
- a weakness

Your character and relatives will be presented on 11 X 14 paper that I will provide. I suggest typing and drawing your information on your own paper and then cutting and gluing to the large paper. Your poster may be no larger than 11 X 14. These will be posted on the walls of the classroom and formally presented to the class.

11. A Yearbook of Ancient Greek Gods and Characters – follow the format of an SHS yearbook and be creative! This will be read and shared with the class. Remember you need the name of the school, mascot, sports teams, clubs, student quotes, plays, signatures, etc.